

writings of Locke, Lardner, Norton, Channing, Dewey. The truths of Unitarianism, I mean the truths which God in his providence out of the Bible, in conjunction with human reason, has revealed to the Unitarian mind, are at this moment affecting, modifying, agitating, reforming, the whole system of theology. There is hardly an intelligent mind in the land, of whatever persuasion, but finds his views influenced by these Unitarian truths. The dogmas of the Trinity, Total Depravity, Vicarious Atonement, Baptismal Regeneration, everywhere are giving way, either in substance or form, to the light thus manifested. This Church, then, is the pillar and ground or stay of the truth.

Secondly, it acknowledges Christ as its head, and rejects all other heads. Creeds do not bind it, Councils are not its authority, it has no king or pope to whom it owes allegiance. It has no articles, aside from the Gospel, to be subscribed as a condition of fellowship. You acquire admission to it, not by the way of its clergy, but by way of Christ. Its criteria of heresy are reason and revelation. Unitarian churches, each and all, profess Christ to be their head. I know no exception to this. I do not know a single church amongst us that puts any thing but the Gospel between a man and his duty. I do not know of a single church amongst us that requires of its ministers, its deacons, or any of its officers or agents, any thing more than a belief that Jesus is the Son of God, or a belief in the words and teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. By this test, then, this is the Church, that body of which Christ is the head.

A third test of the Church is, that it teaches the method of salvation, originating in the wisdom of God and devel-