

“will satisfy the requirements of the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church, as expressed in our fifth article, while passages in Mr. Wesley’s Sermons and Notes may be quoted in support of either view.” These are very broad statements, but they are indefinite and perhaps misleading. No quotations are given.

TWO OPPOSED VIEWS OF INSPIRATION.

The two views of inspiration are stated thus: “But the question remains, how has the Divine Spirit-given truth expressed itself in the language and thought of men? Has it created for itself a new and perfect form of thought and expression, so that everything incorporated in the Scriptures—its science and history as well as its religion and morality—are stamped with the perfection of the Divine omniscience.” “Or did the inspiring Spirit come to men in sundry times, and in divers manners, as they were, with their limitations and imperfections of thought, knowledge and language, and sanctifying these imperfect human instruments for His use, so inform them with the spirit of *moral and religious truth* that they were able to declare that truth, as it was revealed from God, to their fellow-men, and to place it on record as a treasure for all ages.” Now, to put these ideas briefly and in more common terms, we have here, for the first view, verbal inspiration of all the Holy Scriptures, or equal and perfect Divine guidance in the record of every part of the Bible, whether history, science, morality or religion. And for the second view, full and perfect Divine guidance only in relation to moral and religious truth, and sanctified but imperfect human thought, knowledge and language in all else. This, I believe, is a fair statement and