

a profession which has neither afforded him the time nor perhaps fostered in him the quality of mind, which would enable him to know or perceive, in this very different region. Neither does Sir William Ramsay. He too hates the higher critics with a perfect hatred. But Sir William Ramsay, though for a good piece of special service honoured by the University of Edinburgh with the Doctorate of Divinity, is essentially an archæologist, and one of the type who think that nobody but an archæologist can possibly have the right point of view in almost any subject. He suffers from what Bacon calls the "*idola specus*," and still more perhaps from what a doctor of medicine might class as a slight tendency to œdema of the occiput, a sort of perceptible fulness in the cranium.

In order to characterize the theological equipment of this Doctor of Divinity it will perhaps be enough to say that he thinks the words of Jesus were practically taken down in writing as he spoke them, presumably by a short-hand reporter, and that he has himself conferred an important service on Christianity by proving that Christ was born at Bethlehem. I fear the good people who extract consolation from him are like the babies who are pacified with what are called comforts ; they are getting more wind than milk. As to his well-known fellow-worker in this very grateful business of mixed farming, as one may call it, where learning goes on so beautifully side by side with a touching religious conservatism—Dr. James Orr—it is quite enough to say that the latter won the prize of six thousand dollars, offered by a pious American lady for the best refutation of the Old Testament higher critics, and richly deserved it.

But when we come to the men who really know and are to be taken seriously, what we find is that, however conservative or even timid they may seem to be, they invariably, every one of them, do most cheerfully and generously admit how much they have learned from the critics whom they oppose. Look at that light of Oxford and the Church of England, Dr. Sanday. He is orthodox enough to satisfy