

finally impenitent. He refuses to allow that calamities should be regarded as divine judgments, and in so doing has Christ's authority ; but neither he nor Dr. Orr tells us where these calamities come from, nor hints at the kingdom of wrath, whose angels, principalities and powers would fain separate the soul from the love of Christ. In his anthropology, he denies original sin, and does not allude to common grace. Much of sin he regards as ignorance, but by no means all. Guilt he makes purely subjective. The atonement is the revelation in Christ of a forgiving God, the sight of whom melts the heart and leads to the acceptance of His law of love. The significance of Christ's death is found as the perfection of His obedience to the Father's will, and not as a bloody sacrifice, which could not be pleasing in any way to the Godhead. In fellowship with Christ sinners have access to God, and are received into communion with Him. Yet, fellowship with Christ has only to do with His historical manifestation. "To seek a more immediate relation, or direct communion, with the exalted Christ is, in Ritschl's eyes, 'mysticism' and 'fanaticism' (*Schwärmerei*)—something to be abhorred almost as the plague !" In like manner he esteems prayer as of subjective value only, and as incapable of exercising any influence on the mind and will of God. Ritschl does not understand the divine limitations consequent on the existence of evil, and few theologians do, the limitations set forth under the figure of the unjust judge with whom importunity prevailed, the bonds of which are yet to be broken by the vows of Christendom. The great German has no theory of inspiration at all, but receives the Old Testament as shedding much light on the New. He leaves a great many religious problems in uncertainty, and touches others with disappointing vagueness. Still, he emphasizes many important truths, and his doctrine of the kingdom is especially valuable.

Dr. Orr has prepared this book with great care and fulness of reference, as his many quotations testify. His work is very complete, eminently fair and appreciative, and his criticisms