

critic forms "a conception of Israel's religious development totally different from that which, as any one may see, is set forth in the Old Testament, and sketches primitive Christianity in lines which even the acutest reader can not recognize in the New." \* This scientific criticism denies the possibility of any one's getting the right view of the Bible, unless he has learned from itself; and when he has learned, his conception is totally different from the plain, unmistakable teachings of the Bible. In other words, it would shut the Bible absolutely by reason of its falsity, and bid men learn only an imagined religion and a fictitious history, from which God, and Christ, and sin, and salvation have been banished. To the Savior's questions, "Have ye not read?" "Did ye never read?" this criticism replies with a laugh: It is of no use to read, for the acutest reader can not recognize the truth. This is the stone which this exclusive scholarship offers for bread!

No man gets to heaven by mere scholarship. All the scholarship in the world could not buy one drop of the Savior's blood, or rub out one sin. No man comes to Christ by scholarship. Scholarship is no substitute for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches a man his sin, his treason against the holy and loving God, and points him to Christ, through whom alone he can be pardoned and accepted by God. When he has learned the grace of God in the forgiveness of his sins, every power within him stands quivering with gratitude in hope of being used in the service of Christ. He would train all his mental powers to the most exact knowledge of the Bible. He would seek all learning, not as an end, but as one of the means to the great end of telling others of the love and grace and pardon of God in Christ. Scholarship to him is only the shoeing of his feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. While rationalism, for a century, has been occupying the chairs of universities to banish from the world the only cure for sin-burdened hearts, evangelical scholars of far better learning have gone to the habitations of cruelty, to the deserts of heathenism, to the homes and hearts of wo. They have borne the tidings of Christ to darkened souls; they have translated the Bible into hundreds of languages. Wherever they have gone with that Word of God, the wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad; the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose; the eyes of the blind have been opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; and the ransomed of the Lord have returned; they have obtained gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing have fled away.

And let no Christian doubt, in this age of doubt and unrest and speculation, that the results of a true and genuine scholarship will undoubtedly continue to agree in the future, as they have agreed in the past, with the teachings of Jesus and of Paul, and that the Gospel will continue to be the light of life to men. There is no solid reason for doubting.

\* "Modern Rev.," vol. 1, p. 463.