

so acute, so versatile and so laborious as his, perhaps have felt it a positive necessity to apply the New Testament the methods he followed in Old." He did so logically and consistently and what results the Encyclopædia Biblica shows. What has it left us but a wreck of the New Testament a shadow of a Christ? Individual critics may deny this inference, but the inherent trend of the system is too strong for them. Truly, we are fighting for our all.

If faith in the Bible as the inspired and authoritative record of God's Revelation of Redemption is undermined, what truth of the Christian religion shall be able to retain? And it is not doctrine only that will go, it is character, it is all that makes us great a people. As Bishop Westcott said: "Nothing more than our national character is at stake in our reverence for the Bible." "What is the cause," asked a French traveller (M. Michel, quoted by Westcott) "the colonists of New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia so wise and practical? In my opinion it must be attributed chiefly to their habitual reading of the Scriptures and their thorough acquaintance with their contents. Hence come the great ideas of the Fatherhood of God, of His righteousness, of His Providence which shape those faithful and constant souls we call characters. And to what do they owe their strength or principle if not to the Bible, their great teacher?" Do we, with the Bishop, "almost tremble as we hear the sentences (just cited), for in those countries to which reference is made the authority of this 'great teacher' is even now imperilled. It is beginning to forget, under new conditions