

The quotation from William Henry Green that is immediately above the one by Briggs, is interesting, but says little. Instead of those words from the middle of Dr Green's review in the *Presbyterian Review* of 1886, I would almost wish that the jacket might instead have quoted the last sentence of the review, which reads as follows:

"We have been thus particular in stating our points of dissent on account of the real merit which the volume possesses, and the hearty commendation which with the above exceptions we are prepared to bestow upon it."

The book's emphasis on union with Christ is a good one and one which we need. Atonement is surely more than simply removal of guilt. Yet the author says so little about removal of guilt that a reader could easily get the impression that he did not believe in it at all. Such an impression might be partially offset by the words on page 286:

"He who was without sin had received the wages of sin; because, that, only through dying was it possible for him to supply that life which would redeem from the penalty of sin those who had earned death, as sin's wages."

Unfortunately, the frequent occurrence of such statements as, "blood always represented life, never death," may be so interpreted as to convey the impression that the author did not believe in the substitutionary atonement. Such an interpretation would surely be erroneous. Could not quotations easily be found from other writings by H. Clay Trumbull that would clearly prove his belief in this very central doctrine of the Christian faith?

How easy it is to allow our enthusiasm over a new idea or viewpoint that impresses us as helpful to carry us to the point where we seem to deny other emphases that are perhaps even more vital. I cannot bring myself to believe that H. Clay Trumbull wrote anything that was actually heretical or that he held views that were contrary to the central teachings of the Scripture. I fear, however, that such a conclusion might easily be secured from some of the statements in the latter part of the book. It is my own feeling that the emphasis is somewhat distorted, and that in trying to bring out one great truth he gives the impression of denying another.