

Many of the leaders of the church have become mere formals. They did not deny any doctrines. They followed and declared the doctrines of the Scripture. But it was a profession with men, not a matter of the real heart-belief, and as over against this, you have people who were disgusted with the coldness as they ~~came~~ had come into many of the churches, but who were profoundly affected by the ethics ~~of the~~ which resulted ~~to some degree in~~ some great revivals and which were characteristics of the Victorian age. I think of a very interesting example of this. A woman named Mary Ann/ Evans, she ~~she~~ wrote a number of very famous novels under the <sup>pen</sup> name of George Elliot. Someone tells about having ~~been~~ seen George Elliot or Mary Ann Evans as her actual name was. Toward the end of her life she was a woman who had lost ~~all~~ <sup>old</sup> faith ~~in~~ as a young woman only went to college, and went to church to please her father, but ~~who~~ translated Strauss' ~~Skeptical~~ Life of Jesus into English, but who was profoundly affected by the ethics which were the results of the Christian influence, and he said, ~~he~~ she talked with him, and after an address she had given ~~in~~ one of the great universities in England, and she said, think of these three words ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~wjoej~~ which had such great influence ~~upon the~~ English ~~life~~. She ~~talked~~ ~~with him after she had given an address~~. She said, God, immortality, and duty. She said, ~~the first,~~ how inconceivable, that is God. ~~The second,~~ the immortality, ~~the second~~ how impossible, ~~is the~~ duty, how important. He said, as she spoke, as ~~it seemed that~~ he had been hearing <sup>as if</sup> ~~the civil~~ <sup>a sybil</sup> of old speaking a prophetic word, so was he impressed with the depth of her feeling about the importance of duty. Now, we ~~ed~~ do not have that / today. ~~They speak of the~~ Victorian age has largely disappeared in the Victorian age... the Victorian age has largely become a joking, a criticism today, but that ~~is the period~~ spirit <sup>The ethics of</sup> is the importance of duty, the importance of seeking truth, the importance of seeking that which is right is something that ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> very spread in the Victorian age.