Sapot
Sheffield, Aug 17.

If you have forgotten—May I remind you to ask the Mother to admit me into the Hospital at once, which is not customary.
I am afraid that, in the multiplicity of things you must have to do, you should forget the P. shall follow as soon as I can.

I do not think that the historical claim will do, in these days, in England.
In Europe, in the 18th century, when physics, science - particularly astronomy - reached its highest point, when Baily, Laplace, D’Alembert, Diderot & d’Alembert led the world, men’s minds were were veiled in the laws of nature - yes, not deep enough to see that the laws of nature were only the mechanical equivalents for God’s thoughts, not forces in themselves. And Atheism naturally followed.
In the first half of the 19th century, physiology made a start. The science of life was substituted for physics. The organic for the inorganic, the living for a mechanical picture - and PANTHEISM followed (at least in Germany) which considers the universe as a living self-developing thing, a self-developing principle. In England, in Robert Peel, Lyne's friend Sidney Herbert, the PANTHEISTS.
Now in the latter half of the 19th century - or England, at least. Where mechanics are the ruling principle -Athens no - again, as well be, the ruling principle - if their spiritual feelings are not developed or apart with their intellect. Therefore I don’t think it will do for the Church to rest her claim upon the historic, but upon the scientific principle. She historic make Schleiermacher, as you say, a Catholic. But the English have never been historians, and he who prese...
religion is there. Must do it from the scientific point of view. Instead of saints, they have had great civil engineers instead of the work of charity, they have had political economists. They must have a scientific God to make war against the Hebrides which Science is making. Or atheistism will make these things too. People will make their God till they can find them. The Church of England could not have stood
in any country but England because this is such a
form bestrone.
I have always thought that the great theoretical
fight had yet to be fought out in England between Catholicism and
Protestantism. In Germany it was fought out 300
years ago. They knew why they were Protestants.
I never knew an Englishman who didn't
dislike to enquire, heecomes a Catholic. He
took one Protestant
from a thing kept it afterward, because
it suited our ideas of
political independence
now we believe (or don't believe) by Act of Parliament. The
Ch of England is but a "school", as you said.

But I fear religion
must be taught on very
different grounds from
what it even has been
yet, for people to
believe.

Yours,