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4. The question reminds us that many are *not where they should be*. Adam was not; and it was to bring him to a sense of his false position that God addressed him. Where art *thou*? What a condemnation this word contains for some to-day! Thou, with thy splendid abilities and opportunities, wasting thy gifts and idling thy time! Thou, a professing Christian, in the haunt of vice! Where art thou when truth demands a champion, and the Christian cause a witness? Among the deserters and the craven, hiding like Elijah under some juniper tree. Immersed in business or pleasure when God needs thee.

5. The question implies that many are *indifferent* as to where they are. They live in self. They estimate their position by their outward status. Not to "get on" in the world and make money is to be *nowhere*—a cypher. How different the

view of life which Christ gives! To be about His Father's business, to be among men as one who served, that was to be in His true sphere. The question is not where are we in the world's estimation, but in God's sight.

Once more. The question is not where *have I been*, but where *am I now*? Past beliefs and bygone achievements cannot make up for present deficiencies. How do you stand towards God to-day? What think ye of Christ now? Are you for or against? If against, how all important to come into a proper relation. Christ is the reconciler. The possibility of reconciliation will soon be past. Where we are now decides where we shall be. Our here makes our hereafter. Where then art *thou*?

ARCH. B. D. ALEXANDER.

The Religious Literature of the Month.

BOOKS.

Talks with Men, Women, and Children.

MESSRS. ALEXANDER & SHEPHEARD have published the second series of *Talks with Men, Women, and Children*, by the Rev. David Davies, minister of Holland Road Baptist Church, Hove, Brighton (crown 8vo, 448 pp., 6s. 6d.). The men and women go together, but the children are separate, and to them the talk consists of a series of very lively expositions of the *Pilgrim's Progress*. In truth we like the children's portion so well that we are almost disappointed with the table that is spread for their elders. But it is the fault of the printer. What must have been telling and true in the living delivery looks somewhat partial and thin in the stately printed page. It certainly is a well-printed page, and a beautifully bound book, sure to be picked out when one is looking for a gift to give.

An Index to Schürer.

"A vigorous modern critic declares that a book without an index is as ugly and unsightly as a tailless ape." So we read in the *Christian Leader*, and heartily acquiesce. A book without this, its proper attachment, comes into the reader's hands with a suspicion attached to it instead. Says the Rev. John Macpherson, M.A., who translates the *Index to Schürer's History of the Jewish People in the Time of Christ*, published by MESSRS. T. & T. CLARK (8vo, 100 pp., 2s. 6d. net): "In accordance with the strongly expressed wish of Professor Schürer, his elaborate and carefully compiled Index has been faithfully reproduced in English for the benefit of students of his History." The Index includes—(a) Scripture passages; (b) Hebrew words; (c) Greek words; (d) Names and subjects; and some pages of additions and corrections to Division II. If we were asked to name the very best gift for a preacher, we should unhesitatingly say Schürer—with the Index.

The Lord's Supper.

MESSRS. T. & T. CLARK have also issued *The Lord's Supper: A Biblical Exposition of its Origin, Nature, and Use*, by the Rev. J. P. Lilley, M.A., sometime Hamilton Scholar and Cunningham Fellow of the New College, Edinburgh (crown 8vo, 330 pp., 5s.). Whoever remembers Mr. Lilley's clear and complete Reply to a recent Request in THE EXPOSITORY TIMES on the Literature of the Lord's Supper, will judge that by reading he is well equipped for this task. He is also an independent thinker, and can put his thoughts into good straightforward English. Above all, he is in warm, earnest sympathy with his great theme. Such a manual as this *was* needed.

Æsthetic Worship.

MR. R. D. DICKINSON has published a Paper originally read at a meeting of "Clergy in Council," by the Rev. Ralph Williams, Vicar of St. Luke's, Kilburn, under the title: *How far is it right to yield to the Æsthetic Taste of the Day in the Public Worship of the Church?* (crown 8vo, 56 pp.). It is a candid and well-informed attempt to lay down "the fair and reasonable limits of Church Ritual." It certainly deserves to be read.

The Expositor's Bible.

ST. JAMES AND ST. JUDE.

MESSRS. HODDER & STOUGHTON have this month sent out the second volume of the fourth year's series of the Expositor's Bible,—*The General Epistles of St. James and St. Jude*, by the Rev. Alfred Plummer, M.A., D.D., Master of University College, Durham (crown 8vo, x., 476 pp., 7s. 6d.). Dr. Plummer's hand is well in as an expositor, and his manner is well known. His *Gospel of St. John* in the Cambridge Bible has been a familiar and valued friend for some years. We are also getting acquainted with his *Pastoral Epistles* in this series. The present exposition

we have read carefully, and in some places tested its exegesis—with all the resources at our command—in particular upon the great crux of St. James' Epistle (iv. 5, 6), "one of the most difficult passages in the whole of the New Testament," as Dr. Plummer rightly says; and our belief is that it is the most trustworthy and practically useful commentary on these two epistles at present available.

Elijah.

The Editor of the *Preachers' Magazine* announces a series of small volumes under the title of "Books for all Bible Readers." The first is just issued—*Elijah, the Man of God*, by Mark Guy Pearse (C. H. Kelly, 1891, pp. 111, 1s.). It is a little book, but it will take its place beside the best monographs on Elijah. Krummacher may be more eloquent, and Taylor more theological, but Pearse is the most human and tender in his touch. The well-worn narrative of Elijah's life is brought very close to our common life.

The Spirit of Discipline.

MESSRS. LONGMANS, GREEN, & CO. have issued another volume of Sermons by Canon Paget under the title of *The Spirit of Discipline* (crown 8vo, xii., 318 pp., 6s. 6d.). The title of the work, says Dr. Paget, "is meant to point towards a thought which, under various aspects, enters into most of the sermons here printed: the thought of the power which the grace of God confers on men to extend or strengthen, by dutiful self-discipline, the empire of the will. The reality of some such power is plainly suggested by the contrast between those lives in which more things seem possible year by year, and those in which more things continually seem impossible or intolerable; while, if there be such a power within reach, clearly a man's happiness and usefulness depend to a great extent on his seeking and exercising it. An especial task in which it may be exercised is described in the introductory essay which precedes the Sermons."

To follow one leading thought through a number of sermons is to run some risk, the risk of being one-sided in the choice of subject, or unnatural in its treatment. But Canon Paget is saved by the breadth and great human interest of his thought. Then there is the evidence of much careful reading; and, above all, of manly sense and earnestness in the whole handling and finish of the book. The introductory essay is curious and interesting. It concerns "Accidie," that *tristitia de bono divino*, that sorrowful dependency or listlessness concerning the good things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. It is a cloistered vice with many an uncloistered victim.

The Old Testament.

MESSRS. LONGMANS have also issued this month *The Oracles of God; Nine Lectures on the Nature and Extent of Biblical Inspiration, and on the Special Significance of the Old Testament Scriptures at the Present Time*, by W. Sanday, D.D., LL.D., Dean Ireland's Professor of Exegesis, Oxford (crown 8vo, x., 147 pp., 4s.). We have dealt with this book in another place, and shall only add here that it deserves all the attention which its timeliness and its author's reputation are likely to bring it.

The Biblical Illustrator.

GENESIS AND ST. JOHN.

MESSRS. JAMES NISBET & CO. have issued two more volumes of Mr. Exell's *Biblical Illustrator*. The one completes *Genesis* (8vo, 605 pp., 7s. 6d.), and the other commences *St. John's Gospel* (8vo, 674 pp., 7s. 6d.). Where else can you get as much homiletical material within the space or for the money?

Dr. Grosart's Hymns.

The Rev. Dr. A. B. Grosart of Blackburn has issued a series of hymns under the title of *Leaflets on Lights and Shadows of Christian Experience*, copies of which may be had from the author at 1d. each, or 50 for 1s. 3d., the set of 153 costing 3s. 6d., postage free. We choose the last for illustration of the series:—

"LEAN HARD."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed [leans hard] on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee" (Isaiah xxvi. 3, and cf. l. 10).

1. Come thou to Me, afflicted one;
Think not that thou art left alone;
"I know thee," and keep watch and ward;
Lean thou on Me, My child, *lean hard*.
2. Thy days are long—long, too, thy nights,
By pain that stings—by fear that blights;
See this—like daisies on the sward,—
Lean thou on Me, My child, *lean hard*.
3. Be to thy cross now reconciled,
Nor of thy trust be thou beguiled;
All trial has its rich reward;
Lean thou on Me, My child, *LEAN HARD*.
4. Doth darkness gather round thy path?
Doth e'en Hope whisper "child of wrath"?
From all the tempter's darts I'll guard;
Lean thou on Me, My child, *LEAN HARD*.
5. Is Faith sore shaken or Love chilled?
Thy heart with mystery of things filled?
Does thy erst open way seem barred?
Lean thou on Me, My child, *LEAN HARD*.
6. Weary and tossing, lift thine eyes
Up to the hills where thy strength lies;
Let nought thy coming steps retard;
Lean thou on Me, My child, *lean hard*.

Justifying Righteousness.

MESSRS. SEELEY & Co. send a reissue of Principal Moule's little book, *Justifying Righteousness: a Consideration of some Questions concerning the Acceptance of the Believer before God* (62 pp., 4d.). This is a paper edition; surely there is one in cloth; for it is very greatly needed just at present, and ought to lie beside us always, since it is a truly scriptural and altogether admirable exposition of "the great revealed paradox" of the gospel.

Shall All be Made Alive?

The Rev. R. W. Harden, B.A., whose exegetical paper on Phil. iv. 5, "The Lord is at hand," was noticed by us when it appeared in the *Church of England Pulpit and Ecclesiastical Review*, has published that able article in an attractive pamphlet (Dublin: George Herbert, 3d). Through the same publisher he has also issued an exegesis of 1 Cor. xv. 22, under the title, *Shall All be Made Alive? A Question of the Wider Hope* (4d). We shall endeavour to touch upon it when we come to that "Great Text" itself. Meantime it may be heartily recommended as a scholarly, impartial, and very full exegesis and exposition of one of the most trying passages in all Scripture.

Dr. Andrews' Life of Our Lord.

The New York Evangelist announces that a new edition of Dr. S. J. Andrews' well-known *Life of Our Lord upon the Earth*, rewritten and brought down to date in every particular, is in the press.

The Stirling Tract Enterprise.

The story of this "Enterprise," which is long since an accomplishment, is told in a little book just issued. But we prefer the tale as its three heartily evangelical magazines reveal it every month—*The British Messenger*, *Good News*, and *The Gospel Trumpet*. The first costs one penny, the others a halfpenny each.

MAGAZINES.

The Critical Review, No. II., has come in just as we go to press, and we can do no more than simply name its Contents:—*Books on Cardinal Newman*, by Principal Fairbairn, D.D.; Hume Brown's *George Buchanan*, by Prof. Roberts, D.D.; Jensen's *Kosmologie der Babylonier*, and Strassmaier's *Astronomisches aus Babylon*, by Prof. Sayce, D.D.; Baumstark's *Christenthum, etc.*, by Prof. A. B. Bruce, D.D.; Frazer's *Golden Bough*, by Prof. Macalister, M.D.; Cave's *Doctrine of Sacrifice*, by Prof. Marcus Dods, D.D.; Salmon's *Historical Introduction*, by Rev. J. A. Cross, M.A.; Carpenter's *First Three Gospels*, by Prof. Iverach, D.D.; Schürer's *Jewish People*, by Vernon Bartlet, M.A.; Smith's *Isaiah*, by Prof. H. E. Ryle, M.A.; Dr. Matheson's *New Books*, by Rev. A. R. MacEwen, M.A.; Gretillat's *Théologie Systématique*, by Principal Cave, D.D.; Mead's *Supernatural Religion*, by Principal Simon, D.D.; Hutchison Stirling's *Philosophy and Theology*, by Prof. Stewart, D.D.; Gladstone's *Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture*, by Prof. Robertson, D.D.; Foreign Periodicals, Editorial Summary, Record of Select Literature, etc. etc.

We would just add that we are glad to see the Editor now mentions the size and *price* of all books reviewed. This should undoubtedly give additional value to the **Critical Review**.

In **The Sunday Magazine**, three important articles continue subjects begun in January: "Westminster Abbey," by Archdeacon Farrar; "General Booth," by Mr. Stead; and

"The Dominion of the Bible," by Dr. William Wright. The Bishop of Ripon has also a good paper on "The Sanctity of the Body." The Editor's Survey is always, however, the most generally interesting feature, and is well done. This is what he says this month of the late Principal of Rawdon:—

The Rev. T. G. Rooke, B.A.

Mr. Rooke's death is a serious loss to the Baptist Churches of the kingdom, for there is still no harder task than to find a man competent in all respects to preside over a denominational college. Those who have the enthusiasm too often lack the learning; and the learned are deficient in force and in fire. Mr. Rooke, save for weak health, which at times made work a burden and aggravated trivial annoyances, was exceptionally qualified for the position he filled at Rawdon College. In his earlier years he had travelled to an unusual extent, and had made himself proficient in Oriental languages. He was an eager student, with wide intellectual sympathies. He had won academic distinction. He believed in his work, and loved it. Fourteen years' experience as minister of the Baptist Church at Frome had given him experience in the practical as well as the intellectual needs of the pastorate. As a teacher, he was abreast with his age. His scholarship was sound, neither servile nor reckless. He could sift evidence and test theory for himself. He was not the man to be swept forwards by fashion, or backwards by panic. When he moved it was always on his own feet, and with his eyes open. He was willing to prove all things, but resolute in holding fast to that which was good. The work he has done in training and inspiring others will long survive him.

The Christian Leader says:—"We are pleased to see one of our esteemed contributors, A. H. Begbie, of Edinburgh, enrolled among the poets of **Good Words**. 'My Ship,' in the February number of the most popular of the religious monthlies, is the happiest bit of verse that has appeared for a long time in any of the monthlies, sacred or secular." But we must not give it; let readers find and judge.

Novels are scarcely in our line; but there is a moral as well as a motto in Dr. Eggleston's "The Faith Doctor," which opens in the February **Century**, worth the attention of students of the Word.

The Sunday at Home has quite an attractive providing this month, of which two notable items are Dr. S. G. Green's three short papers on "Sunday," and the fifth of Professor Sayce's articles on the Assyrians. Dr. Sayce's present paper deals with "The Market, the Money-Lender, and the Tenant," and is full of points for Bible illustration. This is its opening paragraph:—

Rehoboth.

In the tenth chapter of Genesis (ver. 11) mention is made by the side of Nineveh of "the city Rehoboth," which should rather be translated "the public square of the city." It represented, in fact, the great open square on the north-

eastern side of Nineveh, in which the market was held. Every city of Assyria and Babylonia was provided with a similar market-place; here were the magazines of the corn merchants, the booths of the vendors of country produce, and the stalls in which cattle, horses, and camels were sold. It thus differed from the *sūq* or "street"—the "bazaar" of a modern Oriental city—which contained only the regular shops.

In the **Wesleyan Methodist Magazine** for February, the editor reviews Professor Beet's new "Commentary on Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon" (Hodder & Stoughton, 1890, 7s. 6d.), and describes it as "simple and idiomatic in style, modest and cautious in spirit, helpfully explanatory and edifying, both for preachers and for students of the Word of God, and thorough and well weighed in almost every point." The "almost" is remembered further on in a criticism of Mr. Beet's rendering of *harpagnos* (ἀρπαγμός) in Phil. ii. 6. Dr. Gregory looks upon the word as exactly the same here as if *harpagma* had been used, and he is in very good company; but it is doubtful if the last word is spoken yet.

Taking quantity and quality together, **Footsteps of Truth** is probably the cheapest magazine published. It contains forty pages of biblical exposition of the most careful and useful kind, and an occasional illustration besides the frontispiece (this month a portrait of Mr. Henry Thorne), and it is now issued at one penny.

The feature of most permanent interest in the (Chicago) **Standard** is the "Short History of the Baptists," by Henry C. Vedder, which is continued week by week. To the issue of January 29th, Professor J. R. Boise contributes a short paper on the study of the Greek New Testament. What he says (quoting Pres. Olson) of commentaries, that one has time only for the best, is true of all literature—if one knew the best. His recommendations are these: Westcott and Hort for the text; Thayer's Grimm for a dictionary; Young's Concordance; Winer's Grammar; and President Hovey's Commentaries.

The **Missionary Review of the World** has just reached us, and contains at least one paper of very great interest, by Dr. Ellinwood, under the title, "Buddhism and Christianity: a Crusade which must be met."

The **Expositor** has also reached us somewhat late this month, too late to receive such notice as an evidently superlative number demands. Dr. Sanday opens with the first of a series of papers on the Synoptic problem, which should prove of great interest and value. Professor Marshall's papers on "The Aramaic Gospel" it is not wise to deal with till the evidence is more fully given. There are other articles of exceptional attraction, an Exposition by Professor Iverach, a literary survey by Dr. Dods, Dr. Perowne's "Notes on Genesis," and a review of Mr. Smith's "Isaiah" by Professor Cheyne.

NOTABLE SERMONS AND EXPOSITIONS IN FEBRUARY.

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- 2 Kings xviii. 4 (Dawson), Methodist Recorder, 1728.
- 2 Chron. xxxiv., xxxv. (Horton), Christian World, 1766.
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- Rom. xv. 13 (Birch), Christian Million, 380.
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