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## Contributions and Comments.

## The Rich Young Ruler.

IN the interesting notes on 'What is it that saves?' in the September issue of THE EXPOSITORY TIMES, the incident of the rich young ruler is used as an illustration. Without reference to its application to the question of Mrs. Humphry Ward, but regarding it *per se*, may I respectfully submit that the exposition given is scarcely adequate, even if it does not miss the mark. The initial inadequacy

is, I think, that it minimises the young ruler himself. The statement is made that Jesus 'tells the young man most courteously that with all his honest pride in the keeping of them (*i.e.* the commandments) he has not kept the ten at all.' But surely this goes beyond the narrative. Three out of the four evangelists report the incident, but none of the accounts, I think, suggest this. On the other hand, St. Mark gives us a note respecting Jesus which would seem to militate against that