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Notes Editorial and Critical

In the November Bible Student and Teacher (p. 821), in printing a very able paper on "Christian Truth in the Far East", several serious blunders were made in consequence of our ignorance of Churchly forms and historical facts. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas, of Oxford, Editor of The Churchman, for setting us right. The titles "Arch-deacon" and "Bishop" are attached to the same man, and the wrong man

The Three Moulos

at that. Two of three distinguished brothers have been blended and confused. "There are three brothers: two Bishops (Durham, and formerly Ningpo, China), and the Arch-deacon". The article was not written by the Bishop of Durham, H. C. G. Moule, but "by his brother, Arch-deacon A. E. Moule, who has just returned to England after a long period of service in China".

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Have we Come to a New Epoch in Criticism? Professor Clay's Book

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Who that reads history has not felt a longing to stand at some great (Vol. xii.—1)

festated this knowledge of music, and the musical needs of the common people, when using hymns with

Christ and Bible-Music

His disciples. Christ's pastors of today' can not improve upon His example, in the regard of church-music, for which our Bible League must care, as much as for church-faith. Christ's pastors should not sit comfortably in the pulpit-end of our churches and let the choir-end make devotion wait on art, instead of art wait on devotion. How many Protestant pastors are there, in all Manhattan, who have any devotional control over their choirs, or choir-masters? If pastors are not like Christ,—musical,—and who suffer choirs to be made and mastered by the unreligious, how can their churches be more devotional, in a musical regard, than ordinary music-halls?

It is up to the Bible League to care for Bible Music in our churches: Christ sang *hymns!*—C. Crozat Converse, LL.D.

vision. The simple account speaks of it as an objective revelation of God's glory. Of course the form of the revelation is symbolical, its essence, however, a reality. "A masterpiece of art" it truly may be called, but it is not Isaiah's work. God Himself reveals His glory to His servant.

This God is truly our God. Modern theology, however, maintains that it is Isaiah's conception of God. In the course of the lecture Isaiah was praised as the creator of Israel's monotheism. If this were the case, what objective reality would there be in Isaiah's vision? None whatever. This is vicious subjectivity indeed! It transforms God's revelation into a mirage, "a masterpiece of art" it may be, but a mirage after all.

Dr. Kuyper in one of his magnificent lectures, delivered many years

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No Danger from the New Criticism and Religion!!!

Facts by Competent Witnesses to the Present Danger

There are "noisy prophets" lifting up loud voices all over the world in the effort to get men to believe that the Radical Criticism and the New Theology are *perfectly harmless, if not indeed positively helpful*. We are roundly abused as "moss-backs" and "pessimists" for showing the falsity of these contentions, and proving that the radical views and methods bode

both danger and disaster to the Church of God and to Christianity. And the facts are so numerous and appalling as to demand that we increase the emphasis of our protests, and the merciless character of our exposures, tenfold, if it be possible. Therefore we append some warnings from men entitled to be heard and heeded.

"The Present Peril" in Mission Fields—and a Book to Meet It*

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* Dr. Jessup, for fifty-three years an American Missionary in Syria, and who many years ago served as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, sent this note

of warning to the New York Observer, of December 2. His birth in the Congregational Church and his long connection with the American Board make his words peculiarly significant and weighty.—*Editor*.

I have just received from my old friend, the Rev. Gavin Carlyle, of London, a nephew of Thomas Carlyle, his new book with the above title, on "The Basis of the so-called Higher Criticism. What is it?"

The author is well known as an able writer, a clear thinker and a thorough scholar. This book is the result of a long and patient investigation, and a thorough knowledge of all the modern literature on the subject. It should be placed in the hands of every theological student, and it would be well if some friend of sound Biblical learning would furnish the funds for such a purpose.

The book is timely. It is about time that some of our theological teachers realized the mischief they are doing in unsettling and upsetting the faith of the young men whom they instruct. Not a few of these young men have somehow got into the foreign missionary field, and are ventilating their crude theories, producing variance and dissension among both foreign and native laborers, thus virtually

paralyzing their spiritual influence. If a man does not believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, what vocation has he among Moslems and Jews? If he does not believe in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ, as portrayed in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and the repeated utterances of our Lord and His apostles, what message has he to carry to the unevangelized world? Why should he put the Church at home to the expense of sending him to tell the Hindoos, the Chinese and the Africans that he really does not know what he believes?

Our message is the Evangel, the gospel of glad tidings that Jesus Christ is the Saviour and the only Saviour of the world. This gospel he commanded us to go forth and preach to the nations and promised to be with us always.

Mr. Carlyle writes fairly and discreetly. The book is published by Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, London, 1909, and can be ordered from any American bookseller.

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Destroying Faith Among the Masses*

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It pleased God to give the writer the great privilege of continuous Christian work during the last twenty-eight years among the downtown

people of one of our great cities. The field included seamen and all sorts of laborers; also the very poor, the weak, the indolent, the fallen. Nearly all of this time he labored as a pastor. Previous experience among more cultured and prosperous classes made this work for him the more instructive. The long service led to a large and close personal and confidential acquaintance. One of the things very soon learned as the inexpediency of applying certain offensive names to

*To the Bible Student and Teacher: The following article, which appeared in The New York Observer, December 2, 1909, is sent to you, hoping it might be acceptable to your readers and do good.—Henry F. Lee.

A long life of singular devotion to work among the masses, and in behalf of "the submerged tenth" of humanity (with all of which we have been familiar), has qualified this preacher to speak with authority.—Editor.