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For the Christian Messenger.

The Omnipresent Christ in Jewish History.

BY E. M. CHESLEY.

I.

It appears to be a very reasonable
view which makes the Jehovah of the
Old Testament and the manifest Jehovah,
that is, the Jehovah's angel, identical
with the Christ, which makes the Del-
iverer of the Old Testament identical
with the Redeemer of the New. The
glorious Christ is indeed the one univer-
sal Deliverer and Redeemer of the fallen
race of humanity. In accordance with
his own infinitely wise and patient,
and tender and righteous methods, has he
not always been lifting humanity up out
of the darkness and the evil and the
spiritual death into the light and the
life of God? Herein is the grand unity
of Divine History. This splendid and
comprehensive view of the Omnipresent
the universal Christ is being advocated
on the heights of culture, among the
leaders of thought in the Christian
Church of our day. In this I think we
may see the work of the Spirit of Truth,
talking of the universal Truth of God,
and declaring it unto us bounteously.
Grave doubts exist in many honest
and thoughtful minds as to the Old
Testament Revelation, because of cer-
tain crudities therein, certain material
manifestations. But in the Old Testa-
ment history and providences the in-
finitely wise and loving Father of all
souls has written a series of letters to
his little children, all ignorant of the
world and of the Divine life. These
letters are replete with a Divine wisdom
far exceeding the wisdom of the little
children to whom they were ad-
dressed, yet adapted to their quite
infantile and undeveloped capacities.
And there is a Divine wisdom in the
Old Testament Revelation far beyond
the more advanced wisdom of the little
children of to-day: and this ought to be
very evident to all those who are pro-
foundly reverent of the Truth and studies
of the Word.

Had not the Truth of God been
adapted to the dull understandings of
the men of those times, had it not been
adapted to the infancy of the race, had
the Spirit of the Christ been purely
manifested, unhumanized, unmateri-
alized, what would have been the result?
The Truth of God would not have been
effective, the Divine life would not
have been conserved in our world, and
the fuller Christian Revelation of our
day would not have been possible.
Through all the laws, the ordinances, the
sacrifices, the providences, through all
the more spiritual revelations of the
prophets, the sense of the Presence of
God was kept alive, the sense of the
 enormity of evil and of the exceeding
 beauty of holiness was cultivated and
 preserved. This is what is meant by the
 conservation of the Divine life in hu-
 manity. And had the world been left
 to itself through all these ages, it would
 certainly have remained in its spiritual
 darkness and blindness. And this
 means universal death.

Conceive of the whole world lying in
moral and spiritual darkness, in the
kingdom of the senses, outside the life

of God. Consider this deplorable con-
dition of things as the result of the Fall
of Man from a state of primal innocence,
or consider it, if you wish, as a result of
the processes of Evolution. Consider,
if you will, that as to his physical being,
man was evolved from the races beneath
him, and that at the point of his appear-
ance on our earth, a new element
came in, so that as to his moral and spiri-
tual nature he has become a son of God.
*Very well: this new element in either
case has come in through the thousand
gracious providences of the Christ.* It
has come through the exhaustless love
and mercy of Jehovah, through the
countless ministrations of the Spirit
through the long and weary and yet
necessary processes of discipline and
affliction, through the constant presence,
the unwearied patience of the ever faith-
ful, ever loving Saviour of the World
with the troubled life of his disobedient
and wayward children.

God manifested in man, God in the
world, God, higher than all human con-
ceptions inspiring the life of humanity
from the earliest dawn of history, God,
the perennial source of spiritual life and
the grand basic factor in all the pro-
cesses of mental and moral revolution—
this is the only satisfactory view, the
only Divine philosophy? And more
than this: all God's gracious manifesta-
tion of Himself to our race, now and
always, has been through the Christ.
The universal Truth of God which has
been circulating through the darkened
life of humanity—this is the very Christ.
*For He is the Wisdom of God and the
Power of God in the salvation of our
world.* He is God manifested to man.
He is the Lord and Giver of Life. "Who
is the image of the Invisible God, the
first-born of all creation."—(Col. 1: 15).

Christ in the conscience, Christ in the
Law, the Spirit of Christ in the prophets,
Christ in the flesh, taking on the life of
humanity and becoming its great High
Priest, Christ in the whole after dispensa-
tion of the Spirit—this is not only the
true Scriptural view and the only one
which meets the universal reason, but
it is also the view which makes us pro-
foundly reverent, fills us with a supreme
adoration in presence of the exceeding
riches of the Love of the Father in the
Only Begotten Son, the one Way and
the Truth and the Life for all our world.
"For other foundation can no man lay
than that which is laid, which is Jesus
Christ." (1 Cor. iii. 11).

In the Book of the Exodus of the
Children of Israel, at the time of their
long encampment at the base of Mount
Sinai, in the midst of the communica-
tion of the Divine laws and ordinances
to the Hebrew nation we read these
words: "Behold, I send an Angel be-
fore thee, to keep thee in the way, and
to bring thee into the place which I
have prepared. Beware of him and
obey his voice; for sake him not, for he
will not pardon your transgressions;
For my name is in him." (Ex. xxiii.
20-22). In this Princely Leader of his
chosen people, in this Angel of Jehovah,
it is not difficult to recognize the Divine
Logos, the Revealer, God graciously
manifested to man, the very Christ not
yet Incarnate. And he is made known
to us in this supreme announcement of
the Great God—*my name is in him.* In
other words, the veritable nature, power
and wisdom of God is in the Son of
Man and the Son of God.

And he has been the wise and noble
Leader of the wandering children of
men through all the ages and will be
with them even unto the consummation
of the sons.

Notwithstanding all his long-suffering
and forbearance towards the people of
Israel, his Divine counsels and his out-
stretched arm to deliver them from a
thousand evils, they continually dis-
obeyed. And therefore was it, in the
interests of the eternal justice which is
also the eternal love, that they failed to
enter fully into the promises and were
ultimately scattered abroad among all
the nations of the earth.

In the opening chapters of the Book
of Joshua, after the account of the
passage of the Jordan and the entrance
of the Children of Israel into the Land
of Promise, at the time of their en-
campment near Jericho, the first great
stronghold of the Canaanites, we find
that the Angel of Jehovah again inter-
poses and appeals to Joshua. "And it

came to pass when Joshua was by
Jericho that he lifted up his eyes and
looked, and behold, there stood a man
over against him with his sword drawn
in his hand; and Joshua went unto him
and said unto him, Art thou for us or
for our adversaries? And he said, Nay;
but as Captain of the Host of the Lord
am I now come. And Joshua fell on
his face to the earth and did worship,
and said unto him, What saith my Lord
unto his servant? And the Captain of
the Lord's Host said unto Joshua, Loose
thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place
whereon thou standest is holy." (Joshua
v. 13-15). And here the ever present
Shepherd of the Flock announces him-
self as Captain of the Host of the Lord,
that is, Prince of the Army of Jehovah,
and he moreover takes on incarnation
for the time being for the better ac-
complishment of his grand purposes
with reference to the Jewish Nation and
so with reference to the Church Univer-
sal.

It was most fitting that He who was
both Son of Man and Son of God should
thus appear in the form of a man and
yet speak in the fulness of Divine au-
thority. Herein is again revealed the
Word of God, the Divine Logos or
Reason, who in the fulness of the times
became flesh and dwelt among men, and
even then declared that he came, not
to send peace on earth but a sword.
*For there is an eternal contradiction and
spiritual warfare between good and evil,
between light and darkness, between
truth and untruth.*

It is to be observed that the Angel of
Jehovah is called the Lord in the next
chapter of this Book, and that Joshua is
commanded to loose his sandals from off
his foot because the very ground has
been made holy by this supreme mani-
festation of the presence of the Most
High.

And it was most fitting in the grand
progress of events in our world that the
commission of Jehovah to Joshua and
to Israel was the complete extermination
of the Canaanites from the land. Be-
cause these tribes were sunk low in the
 mire of all abominable wickedness and
 sensuality. And blackest vice was
 exalted as virtue through the sanctions
 of their idolatrous religion and God was
 infinitely dishonored among them, and
 the Divine life was quite utterly and
 permanently departed from them. And
 had they been allowed to remain, they
 would surely in the very nature of
 things have corrupted the whole Hebrew
 Nation, as was very largely the case
 through all that wretched period of the
 rule of the Judges in Israel. Therefore
 the extermination of all the tribes of
 these idolatrous nations meant simply
 the crushing out of unrighteousness by
 the manifestation of the power and the
 wisdom of righteousness. It meant
 simply the conservation of the life of
 God in our world when it was in great
 danger of perishing.

For, onward along the pathway of this
 apparent and temporary evil there was
 in the mind of God, to whom all things
 are present, the universal good of man.
 He is the righteous judge of all the
 earth and disposes of the destinies of
 nations. On the hallowed soil of Pales-
 tine, at that particular time in the
 world's history, there existed the
 Mystery of Iniquity, the Man of Sin,
 having fullest course and development,
 working in all the deceitfulness of un-
 righteousness in those that were already
 perishing. And the powers and prin-
 cipalities of the kingdom of Darkness
 were in triumphal march.

But it is the very purpose of the mani-
 festation of the Son of Man in all time
 to destroy these world-evils by the
 breath of his mouth and to bring them
 to nought by the glory of His coming.
 It was therefore eminently fitting that
 there should be then as always the
 Divine Judgment: for this is in the
 eternal order of the Government of God.
 And this judgment was and is through
 the Christ. And this judgment is for all
 those who receive not the knowledge of
 the Truth that they might be saved, but
 who have pleasure in unrighteousness.

(To be continued.)

Give me matter and I will explain
the formation of a world; but give me
matter only and I cannot explain the
formation of a caterpillar.—Kant.

News of the World.

THE FRANCO-CHINESE SITUATION.

The following is the issue of the
Franco-Chinese situation:
Notwithstanding the successive res-
pites granted China by France and the
moderation of the French officials
having the negotiations in charge,
China has finally refused all satisfaction
for the Langson treachery, and recalled
her plenipotentiaries to Shanghai.
France is therefore, compelled to
present China with a last summons.
M. Patenotre has been instructed to
acquaint Tsung Li Yamen of the vote
of Parliament, and also with the fact
that the indemnity has been definitely
fixed at 80,000,000 francs, payable in
ten years; that unless the demand
should be complied with within 24
hours, Admiral Courbet would take
the necessary steps forthwith to secure
the reparation due France. The
term of grace expired at one o'clock
this afternoon. The French Charge
d'Affaires was ordered to quit Pekin
immediately and join M. Patenotre at
Shanghai. La Fong Pas during the
day asked for an audience with M.
Ferry, and announced to him that he
had been ordered to return to his post
at Berlin. The Chinese Minister
bade M. Ferry farewell and received
passports.

The Admiralty is arranging to in-
crease the British squadron in Chinese
waters to afford protection to British
subjects.

Admiral Corbet has been instructed
to bombard the arsenal at Foo Chow,
and to land a detachment of troops and
destroy the war material and stores
accumulated there, which are of im-
mense value. This action is intended
as a reprisal for the action of the
Chinese at Langson. At the same
time the French of Keelung have
been ordered to occupy the port and
coal mines as security for the inden-
nity demanded by France.

A despatch from Pekin to the
Times of August 22nd, says the
French legation left Pekin yesterday.
A telegraph station was opened here
to-day. This is the first message
wired.

The Paris *Lapater* denies that
reinforcements have been sent to
China, and the question whether
France will carry the war into interior,
the paper says, is not under considera-
tion. For the present France will
only occupy Foo Chow and Kee Lung.
Le Temps believes France has no
intention of blockading the open ports
of China. If found necessary, it says,
those will be chosen that will least
interfere with international commerce.
Le Temps call attention to the absence
of an actual declaration of war.

Advices from Dongola, state that a
scout has arrived there from El
Mahdi's camp at Teb el Gader, who
reports that typhus fever is decimating
the Mahdi's army. Slaten Bey is with
the Mahdi and Hussein Pasha, the
former governor of Berber, and eight-
teen followers have arrived at the
camp with sand on their heads as a
token of submission to the Mahdi.
The latter's army has been well orga-
nized by former Arabist officers.

A stowaway was landed at Water-
ford from the British steamer *Aven-
more*, from Liverpool to Baltimore.
He was ill and was taken to the infir-
mary. The doctors pronounce his
disease cholera, and believe it to be
of Asiatic type. Three other stow-
aways were landed at the same time,
and are now missing.

New York papers of Aug. 24th print
a telegram to the cable bureau, to the
effect that hostilities at Foo Chow began
at nine o'clock Saturday morning, and
the earliest report from the scene of the
conflict announced that the French had
captured the Chinese fleet stationed at
Foo Chow losing two of their vessels which
were sunk. The French vessels were
forbidden to enter the Taku roadsteads.
Seventeen thousand rifles and a quanti-
ty of dynamite and gun cotton were
landed by the Chinese, and masked
batteries were hastily erected. From
Hong Kong French were departing in
haste. Two thousand French soldiers
were momentarily expected to arrive
there from Tonquin. Russia is sending
three more iron clads to reinforce her
fleet in Chinese waters, and diversion is
expected in the south, the governors of
Yunnan and Quangsi having received
imperial orders to march with their
forces into Tonquin. The *Tribune's*
cable says M. Ferry is apparently alarmed
by the dimensions of the conflict so
rashly begun, and announces that he
intends to confine the war to the chastise-
ment of China for duplicity, and to
secure a pledge for the payment of the
indemnity. [The *Republique Francaise*

defines the programme explicitly. It is
to destroy the forts and arsenal at Foo
Chow, to occupy the ports of Formosa
and sweep the Chinese flag from the
sea. What would become of this
scheme should China attack Tonquin, as
has been already threatened, it omits to
say. The real situation is far more
coolly and correctly estimated in Eng-
land than France. The belief is general
here that nothing will induce China to
yield, but an attack upon Pekin. There
is much anxiety respecting the French
treatment of neutral vessels laden with
munitions of war, and proceeding to
Chinese ports.

Foo Chow arsenal was destroyed on
Saturday after three hours' bombard-
ment by Admiral Courbet's squadron.
Seven Chinese gunboats were sunk and
two escaped. The European settlement
was not disturbed.

The Chinese men-of-war which
escaped the French bombardment at
Foo Chow—one was stranded and had
her back broken. The other escaped
with no mishap. The French recom-
menced firing to-day, directing their
shots against the pagoda. It is sur-
mised that the object of the renewed
attack is to entirely obliterate the
place. French transports are shelling
the villages which occupy the heights
around the arsenal.

The bombardment of Foo Chow began
at 2 in the afternoon and ceased at 8
p. m., and only one Chinese battery
replied. The reports that two French
vessels were sunk during the engage-
ment is unconfirmed. Later reports
say the French fleet sustained no
damage.

The *Times* Foo Chow despatch dated
Sunday, says the French shelled barracks
and buildings near the quantas. No
resistance was made to the attack.
Chinese buildings were looted by
Chinese soldiers who were uniformed
and were armed. The French Chief
of staff reports French loss at six men.
The *Times*' correspondent believes this
estimate to be untrue. An English
pilot was killed during the score on
Saturday night when the French opened
a heavy fire and it is believed sank one
of their own torpedo boats. The
bombardment is described as the
most sickening character. The Chinese
fleet, with the exception of two ships
have been blotted out. No surrender
was allowed to the disabled and sinking
ships. Their guns having been silenced,
they were shelled for hours.

A despatch to the *Times* from Foo
Chow Monday afternoon says: The
French ironclads entered the mouth of
the river this afternoon at 2 o'clock,
when the fort opened fire with Krupp
cannon while the ships were three miles
away. After an hour's engagement the
French retired. The Chinese fire was
good. Referring to Saturday's bom-
bardment the correspondent says: The
French torpedo boats exploded astern
of the Yang Woo transport and the two
sinking gunboats. The scene on the
river as the dead and wounded floated
by was terrible. The English saved
many of the wounded. The forts lower
down have not yet been attacked. The
Times correspondent was the only news-
paper representative present, and was
on board the *Champion*.

Late advices from western Africa
state that small pox is raging at Coos-
sias in Ashantee. The king of the
country recently died and 300 subjects
were killed at his funeral in his honor.
A new king has been appointed and
Ashantee chiefs have asked that the
country be annexed to the English
possessions, because of his notorious
cruelty.
On Saturday the police at Warsaw
expelled between 400 and 500 Germans,
who have been living in that city, on
the charge that they habitually violated
their contracts and live by robbery.
This action on the part of the Russian
police is clearly the execution of a
treaty secretly made between Ger-
many and Russia that each country
would refuse right of asylum to the
expatriated citizens of the other.

The reports of fruit groves in Europe
have been summarized as follows:

That the apple-crop of Europe, tak-
ing it as a whole, will be considerably
under that of last year.

That all shipments of American and
Canadian apples to Glasgow and Liver-
pool should meet with good demand at
values ruled by supply.

The Secretaries of War and Navy
were in consultation with Commander
Schley here on Thursday last, regard-
ing the recent discoveries made by ex-
humating the dead bodies of the victims
of the Greely expedition, and the cut-
ting of flesh from the bones. As a re-
sult of the conference the following
extract from Commander Schley's
official report was given to the public:
"In preparing the bodies of the dead
for transportation in alcohol to St. John's
it was found that the bodies of six of
them, Lieut. Kisingbury, Sergt. Jewell,
Private Whistler, Private Henry, Pri-
vate Ellis, and Sergt. Ralston had been
cut, and the fleshy parts removed to a
greater or less extent. All the other
bodies were intact."

This official action clearly establishes
the truth of the story that the bodies
of some of the dead of the party were
used by the survivors.

At Montgomery, Ala., General Leroy
Pope Walker, the first secretary of war
in Jefferson Davis' confederate cabinet
and the officer who gave the order for
firing on Fort Sumter, died at his resi-
dence in Huntsville Friday morning.

United States politics are becoming
somewhat mixed. Not only have they
the nominations of the two great parties
—Republicans and Democrats, for the
Presidency, but a third nomination has
been announced.

The New York Sun says "General
Butler is out with a declaration which
leaves no doubt as to his motives in
running for president against the repu-
blican and democratic candidates. In
the first place he is running in good faith
and with a single view to the ultimate
triumph of the principles he upholds.
He is neither a stuffed republican nor a
dummy democrat. We do not agree
with General Butler in some of his opinions.
With his hearty contempt for
humbug, his uncompromising demand for
reform, his hatred of corruption, his
genuine devotion to the interests of
American men and women, and his true
democracy, the Sun is in thorough sym-
pathy. There is novelty and interest in
General Butler's frank exposition of the
method by which he means to make
his candidacy count. There is nothing
in the constitution which requires that
the electoral vote of any state shall be
rendered as a unit. Gen. Butler defines
a policy which will give full effect to the
ballots of his supporters. His plan is
fusion everywhere with the supposed
minority, on the understanding that, if
the fusion ticket prevails, electoral vote
of the state shall be divided between
Butler and his allied candidate in that
state in the ratio of their respective votes.
The suggestion carries with it the possi-
bility of interesting if not astonishing re-
sults.

Central and Southern Illinois are suf-
fering terribly from prolonged drought.
Reports from a number of counties
state that the drought is the most
disastrous known for years. No rain
has fallen for several weeks. The corn
crop is drying up, and unless there
is rain soon there will not be a half
crop. Stock water is very scarce, and
a great many sheep, cattle and hogs
are dying in consequence.

There was a terrible accident at the
burning of Buck Ridge Mine on
Thursday, seven men being smothered
by gas. A fire broke out on Wednesday
in Buck Ridge slope at a depth of 1,500
feet from the surface. The company at
once bought the Greenback colliery
adjoining. The intention being to bore
a hole thirty six feet in length from the
Greenback to the Buck Ridge colliery,
turn the creek into both the collieries,
and by flooding both mines put out the
fire. While the men were engaged in
this work the gas suddenly poured in
from the burning mine, and before they
could escape seven men fell victims to
the deadly gas.

In regard to our own denomination, Mr.
Wylie remarks:—"We turn with satisfac-
tion to the work that is carried on
by Protestant churches. It is a pity,
I think, that so much of it is directed
towards the Jews. The native Syrians
present a far more hopeful field, as is
shown by the success that has attended
the admirable American mission estab-
lished at Beyrout. Our own denomina-
tion is represented by the mission of
Mr. El Karey at Nablous or Shechem,
and he too, himself a Syrian, directs
his energies to the conversion of his
countrymen. He has a neat little
church and good schools, and with such
support as he certainly deserves may
make this ancient sanctuary the centre
of a wide-spread religious movement.
It would not be creditable to us if the
only effort we put forth to evangelise
the Holy Land should be crippled and
weakened for want of funds. Mr. El
Karey has recently lost some very de-
voted and liberal friends of his mission,
and we trust that God will raise up
others to take their place."

"HOIST YOUR FLAG."—Why will you
keep caring for what the world says?
Try, oh try to be no longer a slave to
it! You can have little idea of the
comfort of freedom from it; it is bliss.
All this caring for what people will say
is from pride. Hoist your flag and abide
by it. In an infinitely short space of
time all secret things will be divulged.
Therefore, if you are misjudged, why
trouble yourself to put yourself right?
You have no idea what a great deal of
trouble it saves you. Roll your burden
on Him, and He will make straight
your mistakes. He will set you right
with those with whom you have set
yourself wrong: Here I am, a lump of
clay; thou art the potter. Mould me as
thou in thy wisdom wilt. Never mind
my cries. Cut my life off—so be it
prolong it—so be it. Just as thou wilt,
but I rely on thy unchanging guidance
during the trial. Oh, the comfort that
comes from this!—Gen. Gordan.