### THE DISPATCH.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE LECTURE. Continued from first page.

was "Lower Criticism." He did not think | religious purpose which dominated the sacrea the phrases at all "happy" ones with which historian, and breathed through all that he to describe the work of these men. The use recorded. What did it matter if two historiof these phrases had perhaps, as much as ans, writing at times remote from each other, anything else, helped to prejudice the minds | did not agree in their record of every precise of people against the work of the scholars. | detail in the reigns of Israel's kings? They "Criticism" had a harsh sound. The epithets | did agree in setting the doings of these kings "Higher," and "Lower," to some savored in the light of Jehovah's law, and the refrain of presumption. What did these phrases is ever recurring in all these histories, "the stand for ? "Lower Criticism" was the phrase king or the people did that which was evil in used to describe the work of those scholars the sight of the Lord, and they suffered, who investigated the "text" of the Bible or the king or the people did that manuscripts, who took all the manuscripts which was right in the sight of the and compared them carefully, to discover | Lord, and they prospered." It should ever what there was the strongest probability for be kept in mind that the inspiration of the believing the writers of the original manu- sacred writers was to be found in the great scripts, (which are lost) really said. "Higher | religious faith and the great religious purpose Criticism" described the work of those scholars who gave their attention to the ex. scribing the history or the laws of their amination of the manuscripts, with a view to discovering their literary character, age, tion is not at all affected by the historical highly. Miss Florence G. Marryett, Chester, authorship, etc. The kind of questious ask- discrepancies, which might appear in their ed by the higher critics were such as these. To what class of literature does a particular book belong? Is it a work of the imagination, or is it other than that? Is it poetry or drama or allegory? Is it history or philosophy or prophecy? What about its composition? Is it a narrative which is the harmonious and logical creation of one mind, or is it a compilation of narratives by other hands, from other sources? To what age does it belong? When were these manuscripts which we have before us written ? Do imprecatory psalms were an illustration of they belong to the age of Moses for instance, this. The one hundred and ninth psalm or to a later age? Who wrote these manuscripts? Can we discover, or is their authorship to be unknown? Surely, said the speak. er, such investigation as this is legitimate. In this light every student of the Bible is a "Higher Critic" essentially. He holds some opinions on all of these questions.

posed to answer some important questions it. i. e., to fill it out to completion, to pour now, in the discussion of his subject, "How Shall we Think of the Bible." Is the Bible true in the sense in which many persons still think it to be? Is it absolutely and infallibly true in all its statements, in every part? Is it true in all its statements upon scientific questions? Is it true in all its historical statements? Is it true everywhere in all its teachings and illustrations of morality and religion

As to whether the Bible was scientifically true, the speaker said to this, a negative answer must be given. The statements of known performers, will soon change hands. attention to the large number of cor-

scientific knowledge of the twentieth century. He showed that these writings were to be

judged and studied in the light of the which actuated and controlled them in trans. nation. Properly conceived, their inspiranarratives, nor by the erroneous character of their scientific ideas.

Is the Bible morally and religiously true? Not in the sense that all its ideas, and all its statements conform to one ideal and perfect standard. The Bible contains a history of a people whom God had in training -moral and religious training, for many centuries. We would therefore expect to find in the earliest literature of this people a comparatively crude and undeveloped morality. And such in fact we do-crude morality in many places in the Old Testament. The breathes a spirit which is far enough removed from the Spirit of Him who said "Love your enemies and bless them which curse you.

In his concluding remarks Professor Watson forcibly pointed out, how the ground of the Christian's faith and the scource of his life was not the Bible, but Jesus Christ who is not an influence, or a memory, but a Living Person. The relation of Christ to the Old What opinions are we to hold ? He pro- | Testament was that of one who came to fulfil moral content and spiritual meaning into its otherwise incomplete conceptions. This Jesus did. To Him we are to look. By Him we are to be guided. Through Him we are to be saved.

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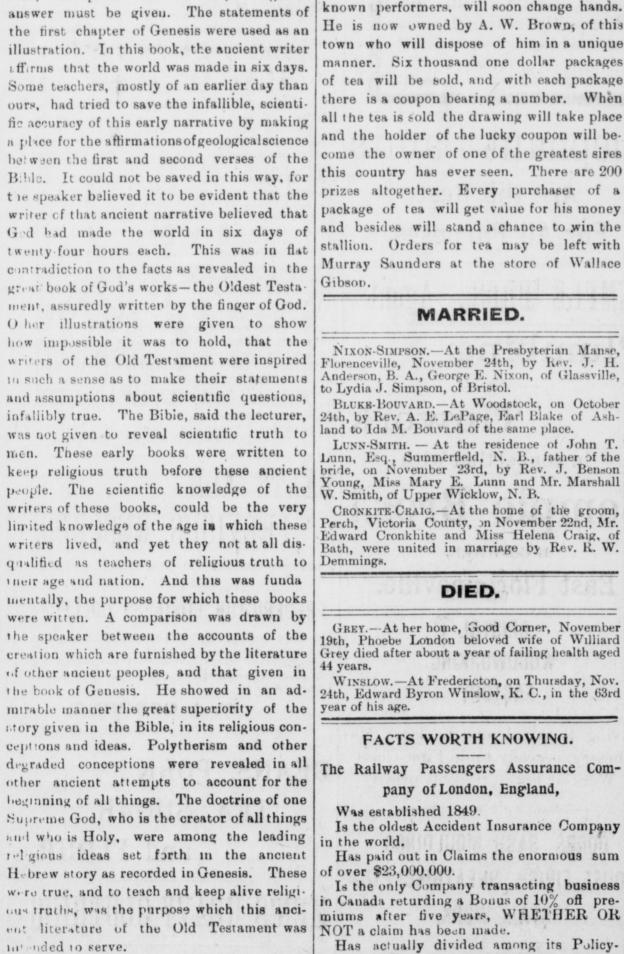
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The lecturer next dealt with the question, Is the Bible true in all its historical statements? The facts, he said, necessitated a negative answer here also. The books of Kings and Chronicles both of which treat of the same period in Israel's history, were drawn on for illustration. The speaker pointed out that the religious value of the Old Testament books was not dependent upon their precise historic accuracy and consistency. It was no more dependent upon this than it was upon the agreement of their , statements on scientific subjects, with the

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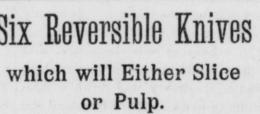
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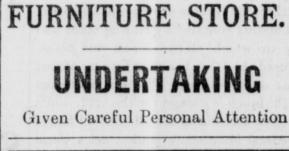
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