

EPWORTH LEAGUE LECTURE.

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was "Lower Criticism." He did not think the phrases at all "happy" ones with which to describe the work of these men. The use of these phrases had perhaps, as much as anything else, helped to prejudice the minds of people against the work of the scholars. "Criticism" had a harsh sound. The epithets "Higher," and "Lower," to some savored of presumption. What did these phrases stand for? "Lower Criticism" was the phrase used to describe the work of those scholars who investigated the "text" of the Bible manuscripts, who took all the manuscripts and compared them carefully, to discover what there was the strongest probability for believing the writers of the original manuscripts, (which are lost) really said. "Higher Criticism" described the work of those scholars who gave their attention to the examination of the manuscripts, with a view to discovering their literary character, age, authorship, etc. The kind of questions asked 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 they belong to the age of Moses for instance, or to a later age? Who wrote these manuscripts? Can we discover, or is their authorship to be unknown? Surely, said the speaker, 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.

What opinions are we to hold? He proposed to answer some important questions 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 the first chapter of Genesis were used as an illustration. In this book, the ancient writer affirms that the world was made in six days. Some teachers, mostly of an earlier day than ours, had tried to save the infallible, scientific accuracy of this early narrative by making a place for the affirmations of geological science between the first and second verses of the Bible. It could not be saved in this way, for the speaker believed it to be evident that the writer of that ancient narrative believed that God had made the world in six days of twenty-four hours each. This was in flat contradiction to the facts as revealed in the great book of God's works—the Old Testament, assuredly written by the finger of God. Other illustrations were given to show how impossible it was to hold, that the writers of the Old Testament were inspired in such a sense as to make their statements and assumptions about scientific questions, infallibly true. The Bible, said the lecturer, was not given to reveal scientific truth to men. These early books were written to keep religious truth before these ancient people. The scientific knowledge of the writers of these books, could be the very limited knowledge of the age in which these writers lived, and yet they not at all disqualified as teachers of religious truth to their age and nation. And this was fundamentally, the purpose for which these books were written. A comparison was drawn by the speaker between the accounts of the creation which are furnished by the literature of other ancient peoples, and that given in the book of Genesis. He showed in an admirable manner the great superiority of the story given in the Bible, in its religious conceptions and ideas. Polytherism and other degraded conceptions were revealed in all other ancient attempts to account for the beginning of all things. The doctrine of one Supreme God, who is the creator of all things and who is Holy, were among the leading religious ideas set forth in the ancient Hebrew story as recorded in Genesis. These were true, and to teach and keep alive religious truths, was the purpose which this ancient literature of the Old Testament was intended to serve.

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

scientific knowledge of the twentieth century. He showed that these writings were to be judged and studied in the light of the religious purpose which dominated the sacred historian, and breathed through all that he recorded. What did it matter if two historians, writing at times remote from each other, did not agree in their record of every precise detail in the reigns of Israel's kings? They did agree in setting the doings of these kings in the light of Jehovah's law, and the refrain is ever recurring in all these histories, "the king or the people did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and they suffered, or the king or the people did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and they prospered." It should ever be kept in mind that the inspiration of the sacred writers was to be found in the great religious faith and the great religious purpose which actuated and controlled them in transcribing the history or the laws of their nation. Properly conceived, their inspiration is not at all affected by the historical discrepancies, which might appear in their narratives, 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 progressive Revelation. It records the 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 imprecatory psalms were an illustration of this. The one hundred and ninth psalm 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 source 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 Testament was that of one who came to fulfil it, i. e., to fill it out to completion, to pour 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.

At the conclusion of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, moved by George A. White and seconded by Andrew Myles. The chair was occupied by Benj. Griffiths, the President of the League.

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BLAKE-BOUVARD.—At Woodstock, on October 24th, by Rev. A. E. LePage, Earl Blake of Ashland to Ida M. Bouvard of the same place.

LUNN-SMITH.—At the residence of John T. Lunn, Esq., Summerfield, N. B., father of the bride, on November 23rd, by Rev. J. Benson Young, Miss Mary E. Lunn and Mr. Marshall W. Smith, of Upper Wicklow, N. B.

CRONKITE-CRAIG.—At the home of the groom, Perth, Victoria County, on November 22nd, Mr. Edward Cronkite and Miss Helena Craig, of Bath, were united in marriage by Rev. R. W. Demmings.

DIED.

GREY.—At her home, Good Corner, November 19th, Phoebe London beloved wife of Willard Grey died after about a year of failing health aged 44 years.

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