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Matt. ix. : 21:—"For she said within herself, if I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole."

I.

1. The doctrine of the Incarnation is the profoundest theme that can engage the attention of thoughtful Christian men. It is the theme on which Evangelists and Apostles wrote. It is the theme that engaged the most earnest thought of the first general council of the Church, as we can still see in the Nicene Creed. It lit up the fires of controversy for centuries as we can still see in the Athanasian Creed. One of the greatest of the Archbishops of Canterbury, Anselm, gave to the study of it the best powers of his vigorous mind and produced a book, *Cur Deus Homo*, which may still be read with profit by students of Theology. The latest of the Synods of the Church, known as the Lambeth Conference, considered it the foundation-stone of Christianity and of the Church; and pointed to it as the great stumbling-block in the way of the acceptance of the Gospel both by the Mohammedan and the Jew. It is so universally considered an unfathomable subject that, by common consent, it has been called the *Mystery* of the Incarnation.