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In my paper for May, there are two sentences that are not so clear as they should be. The sentences referred to are the following:—

“(1) What phrase indicates what advantage Socrates held to be most important, and by what technical term is it designated?”

(2) “Resuming, it may be observed that ‘converse’ is repeated too often, and is an offence against the elegancies.”

The preceding sentences should read thus:—

(1) What phrase indicates the advantage that Socrates held to be the most important, and by what technical term is the phrase designated?

(2) Resuming: it may be observed that ‘converse’ is repeated too often. The repetition is an offence against the elegancies.”

Correct the following:—Before proceeding to speak of the features or elements of character, it may be *well* that something should be said *on our starting point*. We all begin with *certain* postulates, *certain* assumptions. He wrote *over* his own signature. (See Webster or Worcester, under *over*). He met his friend *on* the street. (The revised version of the Bible always has in the street.)

The perfect tense, and the imperfect, *both* denote a thing that is past. That both the circumstances of contingency and futurity are necessary will be evident, etc. (See Moon’s *Bad English*.)

We shall consider each of these three objects in versification, both with respect to the feet and the pauses. This sentence should read: We shall consider each of these three objects in versification, with respect *both* to the feet, and to the pauses.”

The present, past and future tenses, may be used either definitely or indefinitely, both with respect to

time and to action (rather with respect *both to time* and *to action*.)

Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will *glory also* (rather: I also will glory.)

Where insoever any is bold, I am bold also. This should be: where-insoever, etc., *I also* am bold.

“And Judas Iscariot, *who also* betrayed him. This should be,— “And Judas Iscariot *also, who* betrayed him.

With the richest as well as the poorest the more is saved from superfluities, *the more can be given for* missionary purposes. Here are two verbs without anything to agree with.

Upon the style it is that these perplexities depend for illumination (perplexities are disentangled.)

His Lordship did not think it possible that any *question* of foreign policy could have been more successfully *approved*.

The cavalry were *extenuated* by the fatigues of the voyage (“attenuated.”)

Hume’s history will be *coeval* with the thread of English story (co-extensive.)

Unseen powers, like the deities of Homer, were *seen* to mingle at every step with the tide of sublunary affairs.

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His *presence* was against him.

I will have mercy and not *sacrifice*.

Our sympathies are naturally divided as to the revolting Bulgarians. His views are *wrong* (immoral or incorrect.) It was *overlooked* by one man, and many passages wholly written by an other. “Common sense,” said a loud speaker, “is what we *want*. Two sisters *want washing*. The Reformation of Luther,” “the love of God.” They aimed at *nothing less* than the crown.” Must I wage war with this race *alone* for so many years?

“Other men may give *more*, but cannot give *more* evident signs of thought.”