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I.—THE APOSTLE PAUL AS PREACHER.

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AMONG the preachers of the Christian past, later than Jesus, one figure stands out to the historical eye, salient, unique, incomparable. That figure is the apostle Paul. Concerning no other preacher of any age can it be said, as it can be said concerning him, not only that he left behind him an impression of himself and of his work deep enough and clear enough to make his preaching a subject of study perennially promising to be fruitful, but that he also drew after him a sequel of inexhaustible living influence on the world, such as, from the very first, destined him to become in effect a kind of contemporary to each succeeding generation of his fellow men to the end of time—a personal force continually born again with every age to an ever-new lease of life and power. The purpose of the present paper is to make a study, somewhat in the spirit of our own day, of this illustrious preacher of apostolic times.

In entering on this task, we are undoubtedly first struck, and most strongly struck, with the puissant and pungent personality of the man with whom we have to deal. If we recall Phillips Brooks's formula to express the value of the individual preacher, "Truth plus personality," we feel at once that in the case of Paul, however great might be the truth entrusted to the man to deliver, the man himself that delivered the truth would inevitably be a force, a moment, demanding to be taken very seriously into account. Beyond question, such a man as he was would have made himself profoundly felt, whatever might have been the cause that he espoused. Indeed Paul did make himself thus felt, first on one side, and then on the other, of the same cause. The demonstration therefore is perfect that his final enormous influence, both living and posthumous, is due to something besides the mere fact that he had the good fortune to choose the winning side in a