

accommodated His communication to the capacity and even the ignorance of the recipients. Why do we not find the fuller revelation of the Gospels in Genesis, if there is no regard to the principle referred to? As to the actual practice of Christ Himself we find Him telling His disciple to the following effect: "I have yet many things to tell you but ye cannot bear them now." Surely we should find no compromise here. Yet they are thereby left in ignorance, error, danger, darkness.

2. Again, the colour of the New Testament Scriptures points to the principle of accommodation as a cardinal principle of revelation. This colour is so decidedly Jewish in type of thought, as well as imagery and historical setting, that it forms a necessary part of the qualification of the thorough exegete to be well and accurately informed on everything Jewish. Taking the capacity of the Christ into consideration it was theoretically as easy for Him to have made Rome or London His head quarters, as Jerusalem and Capernaum; as easy to have couched His good news in Western types as Eastern. Human reason can see no cause for the choice made save regard to the principle of accommodation.

3. Further, Christ used words, which, if taken in their literal sense, are, to say the least, unintelligible; while interpreted by the principle of accommodation and common sense they are words of great force. Instance the following: "If I bear witness of Myself My witness is not true" (John v. 31.)

And what shall we make of such words as "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good," (Mat. v. 45.)?

Are they accommodation—or are they literal truth?

Here is the dilemma—let who will take either horn and unravel the difficulty. If they are accommodation (so much dreaded) what becomes of Christ. If literal truth, what becomes of astronomy?

For our own part, we see no reason to sacrifice either Christ or astronomy here. Accommodation is a cardinal principle in God's dealing with men. Let criticism recognise this, and it need not fear the sensure of Truth.

Christ and criticism are in this light friends and not foes. Christ—as Truth—never feared legitimate criticism; nor did His cause ever suffer from the brilliancy of light. *Christ and criticism—Truth and Light—need not quarrel.*

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#### EASTER DAWN.

BY MARGARET E. SANOSTER.

Not now, as once, by budding leaf  
And flower unfolding bright and brief,  
We mark our Easter Day's return,  
While white the silvery tapers burn,  
And chanting choirs in full accord  
Salute the reigning, risen Lord!

For going on, our life grows gray  
In shadow of the passed away,  
The things we had, any have not, seem  
The fading vision of a dream,  
Dear voices hushed, dear hands ungrasped,  
Dear households broken, links unclasped  
That late were binding kith and kin;  
Such winds of sorrow have swept in  
That wide, waste spaces everywhere  
Leave empty silence, bleak and bare.  
Not now with starry lilies dight  
We greet the Easter's morning light.

Our lilies bloom beyond the tide,  
Sweet fields are on that other side,  
Here meet we pain and fret and loss,  
And heavy weight of rough-hewn cross,  
When Easter breaks, thank God, we say,  
For strength still equal to our day,  
For hopes that span the road before  
And love that climbs to heaven's door.  
'Tis much, if but, serene and still,  
We can accept the Father's will,  
And comforted, uplift our psalm,  
And feel through tears, the Easter balm.

And now, by every lowly grave,  
One tender thought our fond hearts crave,  
That He whose outworn grave-clothes lay  
Folded and fair on Easter Day,  
May come so much our own to be,  
That aye His blessed company  
May light like sunshine all our gloom,  
And make our Easter lilies bloom  
In hearts that that join with full accord  
The anthems to the Risen Lord.

#### Knox College Professorship.

The nominations by Presbyteries for the vacant Professorial chairs in Knox College is (so far as reported) as follows:

For Oriental Literature,	Presbytery.
Rev. Dr. G. L. Robinson.....	10
Rev. D. M. Ramsay.....	8
Rev. H. A. Hogg.....	2
Rev. F. R. Beattie D.D. ....	2
Rev. Jas. Ballantyne.....	2
Rev. Dr. McC. Edgar.....	1
Rev. Dr. Stalker.....	1
Rev. Dr. J. M. Gibson.....	1
Apologetics and History,	
Rev. Dr. Somerville.....	7
Rev. L. H. Jordan.....	4
Rev. H. W. Hogg.....	3
Rev. Dr. Armstrong.....	3
Rev. Dr. Donny.....	2
Rev. J. McD. Duncan.....	1
Rev. Dr. A. Martin.....	1
Dr. T. F. Fotheringham.....	1
Rev. A. Gaudier.....	1
Rev. Dr. F. R. Beattie.....	1
Rev. Dr. McC. Edgar.....	1

#### Looks into Books.

The Strand, Musical Magazine, George Newnes, Southampton St. Strand, London England.

The articles in the April number are lavishly illustrated on each page with photo-engravings, etc. There is a delightfully chatty interview with M. Massenet followed by a carefully written historical sketch of the Vocal Societies (specially the Philharmonic) in England and we notice the programmes have more instrumental numbers than our Canadian Societies. Next we find of large interest, a page having for a subject, Mr. Ohevalier, the easter laureate, an individual pretty well known to us by his easter and cockney songs which are having a large sale in Canada in one volume. There are 12 music pieces, among which are songs by Cowen, Franz and Tours, a piano solo by Von Wilm and a Minuet by Grieg.

The Musician, Hatch Music Co. Philadelphia.

A supplement, a portrait of the composer, A. Foote, is being sent with the March issue. J. De Jelski gives some good advice re getting on musical ruts and W. O. Forsyth, a prominent Toronto piano teacher and composer has a strong article, the study of instrumentation in relation to piano playing. We cannot spare the room to notice the mass of other splendid short papers and will draw our readers attention to the 5 pieces of music, Cricket dance, a polka by Bendel, a song by A. Coyne, an organ piece and the Harlequin. There are different departments so that subscribers can always find the contents to their taste.

THE MASTER'S INDEWELLING, by Rev. Andrew Murray. Cloth 75 cents. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

This little work contains the substance of a series, of addresses delivered at Northfield, Mass. Conference in 1895 but were re-written and revised by Mr. Murray for this special edition. It contains, in all, thirteen addresses bearing upon the different phases of Christ's example, work and power. It commences with an address on "Carnal Christians" and ends with, "That God may be all in all."

The many friends of Mr. Murray will await with pleasure the publication of this book.

F. Tennyson Neely, of New York, has just issued a new edition of the "Charlatan" by Robert Buchanan and Henry Murray and "Love Affairs of a Worldly Man." Both are in paper binding retailing at 50 cents.

"The Preachers's Magazine" for April, with full and charming contents is before us. The "Present Day Preaching" department contains a sermon by the famous Ian Maclaren (Rev. John Watson, M.A.) entitled, "The Burning Bush," and one by A. Moody Stuart, D.D., upon "Gideon's Three Hundred," both of which are rich in thought. Rev. Mark Guy Pearse continues to discourse upon Sacramental themes with helpful thoughts. "Thoughts for Easter" are good. "A Life Failure," a sermon for the young, is apt and strong. The Homiletics cover a variety of attractive themes, among them "Zacchaeus," by Rev. Arthur E. Gregory; "The Benediction," by the Rev. James Feather; "The Candle of the Soul," by David Thomas, D.D.; "Life in Death," by Rev. M. S. DeVero, etc., etc. The "Bible Reading," by Rev. Samuel Gregory and many other interesting articles. This Magazine grows steadily in popular favor, and no preacher can afford to be without it. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N.Y.