

Christ and Modern Christianity. I am glad to see that Dr. Bruce holds to the absolute necessity of the historical Christ, and will not surrender this for the Hegelian idea.

The Sunday School Times for January 21 agrees with Dr. Andrews that Matthew's genealogy of our Lord gives Joseph's descent, and Luke's that of Mary. Professor Hilprecht writes on Cyrus in the light of the Cuneiform Inscriptions of Babylonia; and Dr. John G. Paton shews that the heathen have moral laws. The January quarterly statement of The Palestine Exploration Fund is an interesting one. Mr. Bliss reports on excavations at Tell el Hesi, and Professor Sayce translates the cuneiform inscription found at that site of ancient Lachish. I have no hesitation in saying that, according to Professor Sayce's transliteration, right so far as he goes, save his determinative prefixes, his translation is false, and that his *mati sa sarri*, instead of meaning "the country of the king" means "the officer of the king," *mati* being king, *sa*, the genitive postposition, and *sarri*, the Basque *sari*, a chief or officer. This document is Hittite, and Hittite is what Dr. Sayce, exceedingly clever in Assyrian, does not know. I have translated many hundred Hittite documents, and can tell one, when I see it, at sight. There is much more in the Statement, on Palmyra, Palestine Mud Showers, Ancient Jerusalem,

and The Tomb of our Lord, all worthy of attention.

The Transactions of the Canadian Institute of Toronto, published in December, have just reached me. They begin with an abstract of the papers read at the Summer Session in Penetanguishene in September, 1891, when the Mayor and Council. Chief Assance and John Monaque, Indians, Father Laboureau, and Mr. W. J. Keating did much to promote the success of its meetings. The Ornithological Report, of 62 large octavo pages, notes the arrivals, at or near Toronto, of a great many species of birds, among which several rare specimens were observed or captured. Mr. D. W. Beadle's paper on Canadian Wild Flowers regrets the extermination of these, and directs attention to the fact that almost all of them will flourish in cultivation. Father A. G. Morice, O. M. I., contributes Déné Roots, which is not a botanical paper, but one of philology, setting forth the construction and the vocabularies of the Déné or Athapascan language of North America, which, many years ago, I proved to be related to the Tungus of Asia. The chief article in the Transactions, however, is that by the Rev. Dr. MacNish on St. Columba or Colum Cille. This is a very learned but, at the same time, a very interesting paper, giving, from the best authorities, an account of the life and labours, the biographies and writings