

His text was: "And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born in thee shall be called the Son of God," (Luke 1: 35.)

Conflict had ever raged around the person of Jesus, and to-day it rages as fiercely as ever. Some to-day would even deny the incarnation which is the basis of the whole Christian faith.

The method of the incarnation is not of as great importance as the fact itself, and difference of opinion in regard to the method need not shake our belief in the fact. One would not say that God could not have become man except by a virgin birth; that would be limiting the power of God; but we can say at least that in the doctrine of the virgin birth we have the clearest and fullest conception of the incarnation.

The speaker had the greatest respect for genuine scholarship and felt the deep indebtedness of Christianity to reverent criticism, but he was compelled to say that some exponents of "historical" criticism were sometimes, to say the least, unfair and their criticism could hardly be called scientific. He then went on to prove in detail that the facts cited by these critics to show that the virgin birth could not be regarded as historic did not prove their contention, but that all the facts we have point in the other direction. The incarnation was unique and its accomplishment was also unique.

The teaching of the Gospels is that the Son of God was made as truly Son of Man. The teaching of the modern Docetism is that the Spirit of God was in Christ, but only in greater measure than in us, and that when we are full of the Spirit of God we also are incarnations of God. But Jesus was and will ever be the only incarnation of God, and we can come to Him with the confidence that He is the one whom we can serve and adore without any holding back. Then will we know the fulness of the power of God as it is revealed in the life of the Son of Man, born of the Virgin Mary.

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## *Ladies.*

LAST week, the Sophomore year provided the programme at the meeting of the Levana Society, and a large and expectant crowd gathered in the large English room. Just before the business part of the meeting, three courageous representatives briefly called the attention of the girls to the need of the gymnasium, and the necessity of every girl doing her share to support the Athletic Committee in its undertakings. The chief thing of the meeting was the programme, and proved enjoyable beyond all expectations. The first part consisted of three musical selections, a piano solo by Miss Grace Mackay, a vocal solo by Miss Nash, and a mandolin solo by Miss Totten. Then came a little one-act play, entitled "The Ghost of Crooked Lane," and the realistic manner in which the Sophs took their parts showed that not all dramatic talent is in the Dramatic Club. At the end the Sophs vigorously gave their yell, and everybody heartily agreed that the whole affair was a splendid success. This idea of having each year provide a programme during the session is a splendid one, and we congratulate the Sophs on theirs.