

fighting the same battle each day against the world, the flesh and the devil.

Gentle reader, in leaving you to converse with our new friend, let us ask you in his behalf to excuse any deficiencies which you may notice in his manners or personal appearance. You will remember that he is only going forth into the world to-day for the first time, that to him its paths are still untrodden, its snares as yet undiscovered. Should you at any time be moved to take your share in the general conversation, a memorandum of our address will be found below, and if you have any word of exhortation, or counsel, or reproof to administer, it will always be received in a spirit of gratitude for the kindness which prompted your generous action. Should you by any chance have any friend who would also be glad to take his part in the conversation, a letter to the same address will always secure for you an additional copy of the Magazine.

Without further ceremony we will now leave you to converse in peace.
Au revoir. Excunt editores.

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THE FIRST TEMPTATION, AND ITS REPETITION IN MODERN TIMES.

1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5. For God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3: 1-5.

I SHALL first point out from this passage the source, the nature, and the results of this first temptation. I shall then notice briefly its repetition in modern times.

If this be a record of historical fact, the temptation came directly from an evil source. When Eve, refusing the temptation, appealed in justification to the Word of God, saying, "God hath said, Ye shall not touch it lest ye die," Satan confidently replied, in contradictory terms, "Ye shall not surely die: ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Hence, we learn the nature of the temptation. It consisted in a subtil insinuation of mental doubts as to the veracity and authority of the Word