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has his being in an Oriental atmosphere, and who will not stay with us when we seek to detain him and have him as our own, but, escaping our grasp, reverts to that world of which he was a portion.

I cannot help thinking that there is a good deal of truth in this, and that at least it is a fair criticism of certain methods of studying the Life of Christ much affected at present by the author's fellow-countrymen.

In that life there were two elements inextricably mingled—the one temporal the other spiritual, the one transient the other eternal—and it is from the difficulty of distinguishing and reconciling these that the problems of the subject chiefly arise. On the one hand, Jesus was limited by space and time. He was born of a woman and had to relate Himself to the