mankind. It is that Jesus, and not a modern substitute, whom I have sought to depict, in his life, his social relations, his disposition, his deeds and doctrines.

This work has been delayed far beyond the expectation of the publishers, without fault of theirs, but simply because, with the other duties incumbent upon me, I could not make haste faster than I have. Even after so long a delay the first Part only is ready to go forth; and for the second I am obliged to solicit the patience of my readers. But I aim to complete it within the year.

The order of time in the four Evangelists has always been a perplexity to harmonists, and it seems likely never to be less. But this is more especially characteristic of details whose value is little affected by the question of chronological order, than of the great facts of the life of Jesus.

I have followed, though not without variations, the order given by Ellicott, and especially Andrews. But a recent "Gospel History Consolidated," published in London by Bagster, so generally accords with these that I have made it the working basis; and, instead of cumbering the margin with references to the passages under treatment, have preferred to reproduce at the end of this volume a corresponding portion of the text of the "Gospels Consolidated," by

¹ Historical Lectures on the Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. C. J. Ellicott.

² The Life of Our Lord upon Earth. Samuel J. Andrews.