

tianity, that whoever tutors "the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" is acting against Light which "in the beginning was with God and was God."

Within the field of intentions or the moral motives, therefore, conscience has the infallibility which belongs to the perception of self-evident truths, and in Kant's language "an erring conscience is a chimera."

There are men who do not know that when they tutor the magnetic needle they are tutoring currents that enswathe the globe and all worlds. There are men who do not know that when they tutor Conscience they are tutoring magnetisms which pervade both the universe of souls and its Author. Beware how you put the finger of special pleading on the quivering needle of Conscience, and forbid it to go north, south, east or west; beware of failing to balance it on a hair's point; for, whoever tutors that primordial, necessary, universal, infallible perception, tutors a personal God.

Christian Life.

[In selecting for this section the Editor strives to confine his selections to no one Christian denomination, but to go abroad, to show the rich and varied forms in which Christian experience presents itself. In the life of Bishop Ewing, here given, there occurs one or two statements which the Editor guards by foot-notes.—ED. C.C.M.]



BISHOP EWING belonged to the old Highland Episcopalians, who in their day identified their cause with the house of Stuart. His ancestors lived on the banks of Loch Fyne, part of that wild western region which forms the diocese of Argyle and the Isles. His father at the time of his birth, which was in March, 1814, was resident in Aberdeen, where he was a prosperous advocate. He died at the age of thirty four, when Alexander was only in his thirteenth year, leaving two sons and one daughter. The mother survived him only two years, when the children were left orphans. She is described as a very pious woman, "a woman of many tears, and many prayers," and the one fervent desire of her heart was, that her two sons should be clergymen of the Church of England.

An uncle became the guardian of the children, for whom a good provision had been made by the foresight of their father. They went for two