

objects are sought to be accomplished by his labours:—1. The establishment of a school at every preaching appointment where there is none. 2. The highest state of efficiency that can be reached in every school under the care of the Conference. In carrying out these objects the Agent addresses public meetings of children and young people, delivers lectures and sermons on Biblical and Sabbath-school topics, conducts teachers' meetings, Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, following largely the Chautauqua Normal Class course of instruction, and gives replies to all questions bearing on our Sabbath-school work. We hope that all Sunday-school workers will heartily co-operate in these services, and help to make them a distinguished success, and above all that they may be owned and blessed of God to the furtherance of this important department of Christian work.

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PART I.—BIBLE EVIDENCES.

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VI. *Person of Christ.*—The person of Jesus Christ, as described in the Scriptures, is so unique and remarkable, that no human intellect could have conceived and wrought it out, unless the original had actually existed, and furnished the material for the description.

That wonderful life terminated at the early age of thirty-three years, and yet has impressed itself on all the ages following. Jesus was the child of humble parentage: His father was a carpenter, at whose occupation the son also wrought in his youth. With no advantage of scholastic training, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" Yet He steps from the carpenter's shop upon the platform of public instruction, and manifests a profundity of wisdom and aptness to teach that none had hitherto attained. Do any doubt? Let the Sermon on the Mount be the ample reply. Eager listeners, astonished at His words, say, "From whence hath this man these things?" "The people were astonished at His doctrine, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." The officers who were sent to take Him answer, "Never man spake like this man."

Then consider His power. The disciples of John saw "that the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard, and the dead were raised up." No

marvel that Nicodemus said, "No man can do these miracles that Thou doest except God be with him."

Then consider that these mighty works were performed for the good of men, and never to their injury.

And what a spirit marked His life! After the feeding of the five thousand, when "Jesus perceived that they would come and take Him by force to make Him a king, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone." He was reviled, yet He reviled not again. At His command were legions of angels, yet would He not consent to a single sword being drawn in His defence.

Verily, had not Christ been the wonderful person described, then no human mind could have invented such a character. Read "The Person of Christ," by Dr. Schaff, of New York, and "The Christ of History," by Dr. Young, of Edinburgh.

VII. *The Candour of the Writers of the Bible.*

—They write a plain, unvarnished tale, using no points of exclamation or arts of oratory. The heroes of their story are presented as they were, and not according to their plan or desire—their faults and virtues are truthfully set forth. Of Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, none can say that either was without sin; one only—He who spake as never man spake—was without sin. Of all the rest it is said, "they were men of like passions with us." Had these writers desired to build up a cause, as their principal object, they would have hidden the failings of their allies, as we find is the case to-day in all efforts to build up party lines. But, no; they seek only to establish the truth, and so the subject and its advocates are faithfully presented before us. David was a man after God's own heart; yet, yielding to temptation, he committed great wickedness, and see his punishment. "My sin is ever before me." "My bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long." "Against Thee, Thee only have I done this evil in Thy sight." One has lately said, that a part of David's punishment for his sins was to feel, as Nathan the prophet told him, that he had given great occasion to the enemies of God to blaspheme. And thus, every one who cavils at the Bible on account of David's sins, is just fulfilling this Scripture. And some who have been throwing filth at David's memory, have been silenced by this application to themselves.

VIII. *Elevation of the Teachings of the Bible.*

—Let us remember that the Bible was written long ago, while other teaching was exceedingly defective; yet, even judged by the light of our day, consider the character of its matter:

1. Concerning God. How much superior is the character of the God of the Bible to that of any other religious system! A Being of holiness, mercy, and justice; such as we find nowhere else. With such a God as this ideal, how elevating must His worship be to the human heart and life!

2. Concerning the future life. Many in different ages have dreamed of a future, but