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THE ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY.

BY THE REV. PROF. SCRINGER, D.D.

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CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

In the New Testament it is very obviously contemplated that the chief means for the education of the world in Christian morals should be that of preaching or teaching. The final commission given by Christ to His apostles was to go and make disciples of all the nations, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. xxviii., 20). And there is abundant evidence in the Epistles that they understood this to cover the duties as well as the dogmas of the new faith. A large portion of nearly all these epistles is taken up with a statement of the principles which