

occurrence in Gospel history true? but should ask, what God meant by it first for the generation then living and then for me." I have no hesitation in describing this as priest-craft. As Professor Burkitt of Cambridge has said, the facts happened only in one way, and this way it is our duty to find out, however edifying in Sanday's view the traditional view of the matter may be. It is this determination to get back to reality, which the Germans designate "*Wirklichkeitssinn*." However many mistakes they may make in their efforts to reach it, the aim is the right one, for ultimately there is no refuge but in the truth.

Turning to Denny one finds to one's amazement, when one brushes aside the mass of pious reflections with which his work is encrusted, that his point of view is substantially identical with that of Professor Lake, and one feels tempted to ask whether Professor Kirkpatrick has read with sufficient care the work he cites. Denny, it is true, says that if one does not believe in a bodily resurrection one should not speak of a resurrection at all. But what Denny means by this is that attempts to evaporate the appearance of the Risen Lord into hallucinations caused by the expectations of the disciples whose hopes declined to be disappointed, or into a spiritual rising of Christ in their memories are really disingenuous and are merely trifling with the question. It is quite clear that something startling and tremendous happened as a consequence of which the utter dejection of the disciples was transformed into triumphant faith; and that the account they gave of the matter was that they had seen the Master alive again. This is fully recognized by such a scientific critic as Pfeiderer. But the question is still left unsolved as to what the phenomena were which caused this belief. Were the appearances of the Risen Lord visions of much greater distinctness and brilliancy than the telepathic visions of dying people now fairly substantiated, but of the same nature; or did our Lord's body, that mass of disintegrating carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, and oxygen, defy all the eternal laws of the Universe in order to convince his followers that his soul still