

LESSON II.

GENESIS II. AND III.

THE ADVENT OF SIN.

Man's Hidden Nature Revealed.

The first chapter of Genesis gives what has been called "the Vision of Creation;" the second and third chapters reveal man and the hidden forces at work within him. Each man as he reads these chapters can find in the history of Adam and Eve the history of his own life.

The Twofold Nature of Man.

The first chapter told of the creation of man in relation to the universe; the second tells of man in relation to the spiritual and natural world around him.

We find first the two-fold nature of man. He is formed from the dust of the ground, but breathed into by the living God—the dust of the ground, with its instincts of acquisition, of self-preservation, and of self-love; the breath of life with its spiritual possibilities, its spiritual aspirations. "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Cradle of the Human Race.

Men have given much time and thought to endeavouring to ascertain where the Garden of Eden was, and state the following reasons for thinking that the plateau of Armenia is indicated as the cradle of the human race. It is surrounded by high mountain ranges. In it the rivers