

him, and appreciated him, but He was in no great hurry to let the world know it.

Moses occupies a conspicuous place in the Divine record. His birth, his miraculous preservation, his attachment to his own people, his flight into Moab, his call to the leadership of Israel, his passage through the Red Sea, his wonderful experience at Mount Sinai, his forty years campaign in the wilderness — all this, and much more has been recorded of him. We should naturally expect to find at the close of such a life some fitting tribute to his memory. But not a word in the form of compliment or eulogy. He is superceded by a subordinate officer whom God has promoted to his rank, and the old veteran is quietly dismissed from service. He delivers his farewell address to the army and the civilians which had accompanied him through that memorable campaign, and that is the last we see of him. One sentence tells the whole story. "Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab according to the word of the Lord; and He buried him in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor." He sleeps in an unknown grave in an undiscovered country.

The same is true of Moses' successor. His record for one hundred and ten years was one of which any man might feel proud. Not a blemish, not a stain upon it. We naturally look for some expression of Divine appreciation of the value of this man. But not a word, God uses him until his work is done, and then buries him without any display or ceremony. "And it came to pass that Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died; and they buried him in the border of his inheritance." Elisha, the prophet, whom God loved,