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Easter.

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There comes one knocking on t' a stone
That shuts you down in gloom :
Awake, dead heart, like Lazarus,
Come from your wintry tomb ;
The robins pipe about the fields,
The spring is all abloom.

The snow of grief, the wind of sighs,
The hoar frost of regret, —
They melt, till like the grass your cheeks
With dew of tears are wet
And sparkle while the sparrow trills
His tinkling trioleit.

The blood-root from its leafy grave
Has risen even as you ;
The wood-slopes are set daintily
With violets glimmering blue,
And crow'-foot shakes, and adder-tongue,
Whene'er the winds come through.

Then leave that graveyard of the heart
Hollow where you have lain ;
The echoes to the Easter bells
Drop like a golden rain :
And lo, in every crocus-cup
The Christ is risen again.

New Dictionary of the Bible.

MESSERS. T. & T. CLARK, of Edinburgh, have in preparation a new "Dictionary of the Bible," under the editorship of the REV. JAMES HASTINGS, M.A., editor of the *Expository Times*, who is being assisted by specialists in the

oversight of the various departments of the work. The new dictionary will seek to cover the whole range of Bible knowledge, including biblical theology ; and as the articles have been entrusted in all cases to men, both in Europe and America, who have made special study of the subject in question, it may be expected with some confidence that it will supply the need which has been so long and so widely felt.

Among the writers of Old and New Testament articles are Professor Sanday, of Oxford, "Jesus Christ ;" Professor Bruce, "Hebrews ;" Professor A. B. Davidson, of Edinburgh, "Hosea, Jeremiah, Prophecy and Prophets of the Old Testament ;" President Harper, of Chicago, "Minor Prophets ;" Professor McCurdy, of Toronto "Semites ;" Bishop Westcott, of Durham, "Revised Version."

The theological articles will chiefly be written by Professor Adams Brown, of New York ; Professor Agar Beet, of Richmond, "Christology ;" Professor Driver, of Oxford, "Law, Priests and Levites in Old Testament ;" Professor Warfield, of Princeton, "Faith."

The geography of Palestine will be written chiefly by Colonel Conder, Sir C. W. Wilson, Sir Charles Warren, Professor Hull, Dr. Bliss, Dr. Selah Merrill, Dr. H. Clay Trumbull and Professor G. A. Smith ; the history and geography of Assyria and Babylonia, by Professor Hommel, of Munich, Professor W. Max Muller, of Philadelphia, Dr. Sayce, of Oxford, Professor Price, of Chicago, and Mr. Pinches, of the British Museum ; of Egypt, by Professor Flinders Petrie ; and of Asia Minor, by Professor Ramaay. The natural history will be contributed by Dr. Post, of Beirut.

It is expected that the work will consist of four volumes, imperial 8vo, of about nine hundred pages each. The writers are now practically all engaged, and a large part of the first volume is in type.