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"BACK TO CHRIST."

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IT is very convenient for many purposes to have a good phrase. It serves like a name for a place or a person which would otherwise require an elaborate description. Its value is due to its quality in sound as well as in sense. It should be short, pithy, easily uttered, and significant. Judged by these qualities "Back to Christ" should take a first place among phrases, and its maker, a high rank among phrase-makers. It is memorable and suggestive. It contrives to express at one and the same time a reproach, a challenge, and a resolution—a reproach against persons drifting away from Christ, a challenge to the faint-hearted to adhere to Christ, and an avowed determination to be loyal to Christ: a sort of modern version of Joshua's memorable words—"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. * * * * ; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." It has moreover a nineteenth century ring about it which meets a variety of religious affinities, and which will probably make it live for many a day. It furnishes a cry for low churchmen and broad churchmen, for evangelicals and moderates, for