

of Barnabas," etc. In 1875 Bryennios discovered, and in 1883 published to the world, the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The latest important find is that of the "Apology of Aristides," made by Professor J. Rendal Harris in the Convent of St. Catharine on Mount Sinai in 1889, and recently made available to the world in a scholarly edition. Eusebius speaks of Aristides as "a man faithfully devoted to the religion we profess," who "has left behind him a defence of the faith addressed to Adrian." "This work," he adds, "is also preserved by a great number, even to the present day." He is said by Jerome to have been an Athenian philosopher, who after his conversion continued to wear his philosopher's robe, and Justin Martyr is said to have been his imitator. Since the time of Jerome (about 400) the work seems to have been completely lost sight of; and now after 1400 years of rest it rises from the dust to go on with its work. The following extracts will give some idea of the tone of the Apology and of the Christian ideals of the time (about 135):

"Now the Christians, O king, by going about and seeking have found the truth, and as we have comprehended from their writings they are nearer to the truth and to exact knowledge than the rest of the peoples. For they know and believe in God, the maker of heaven and earth, in whom are all things and from whom are all things: He who has no other god as his fellow: from whom they have received those commandments which they have engraved on their minds, which they keep in the hope and expectation of the world to come; so that on this account they do not commit adultery nor fornication, they do not bear false witness, they do not deny a deposit, nor covet what is not theirs: they honor father and mother: they do good to those who are their neighbors, and when they are judges, they judge uprightly; and they do not worship idols in the form of man; and whatever they do not wish that others should do to them, they do not practise towards any one: and they do not eat of the meats of idol sacrifices, for they are undefiled: and those who grieve them they comfort, and make them their friends: and they do good to their enemies, and their wives, O king, are pure as virgins, and their daughters modest, and their men abstain from all unlawful wedlock and from all impurity, in the hope of the recompense that is to come in another world; but as to their servants or handmaids, or their children, if any of them have any, they persuade them to become Christians for the love that they have toward them; and when they become so, they call them without distinction, brethren: they do not worship strange gods: and they walk in all humility and kindness, and falsehood is not found among them, and they love one another; and from the widows they do not turn away their countenance, and they rescue the orphan from him who does him violence: and he who has gives to him who has not, without grudging; and when they see a stranger they bring him to their dwellings, and rejoice over him as over a true brother: for they do not call brothers those who are after the