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THE FIRST AND THE SECOND ADAM.

IN that remarkable passage in Romans v. 14, the Apostle Paul declared that Adam, our first parent, was a "figure," or rather "type" (Gr. *τυπος*) of Jesus Christ. That is, he affirms between Adam and Christ such a resemblance or analogy as that the former prophetically foreshadowed and set forth the latter. This, however, is not a doctrine which rests upon a single text; its truth is everywhere in the Scripture assumed, so that Christ is explicitly called "the last Adam," or "the second man," in contrast with the first. We need not, therefore, have any hesitation in asserting that there is between Adam and Christ a close resemblance; a resemblance not fancied but real; not superficial and apparent, but inward and essential; not accidental and fortuitous, but designed and prophetic in its nature. And it is plain that if this be so, we may then hope, by studying what Scripture teaches of the type, to gain a clearer knowledge of the Anti-type; just as by looking at a stamp we may learn, not indeed the essential substance and material, but the very form and character of the die which struck it.