

purpose consists merely in 'removing the illusion which makes it seem as yet unaccomplished'? Or to take Browning:—

"All that is at all
Lasts ever, past recall,
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure.
What entered into thee
That was, is, and shall be.
Time's wheel runs back or stops, Potter and clay endure."

NOTE A.—THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

What we are entitled to conclude from a scientific review of the evidence, is that something happened which made the disciples believe that their Master had conquered death, and which filled them with joy and courage. As to what that something was, opinions will differ. Those to whom belief in miracles causes no difficulty will accept the story as given in the Gospels—that Christ revived from the sleep of death and came out of the tomb. Those who realize what a tremendous amount of minute and careful observation would be required to establish an occurrence contrary to all experience, will incline to the belief that what was vouchsafed to the disciples was a series of telepathic visions of extraordinary brilliancy; since there is a fair amount of evidence that such visions occasionally occur.

NOTE B.—THE VISION OF PAUL.

The reality of the vision of Paul is accepted by Wernle, one of the most advanced critics, in his book "Die Anfänge unserer Religion." As to whether this vision was telepathic, or purely subjective, we have no means of deciding.

NOTE C.—THE TEACHINGS OF PAUL.

The references to this subject are merely meant to assert that Paul's way of looking at things was conditioned by his Rabbinical training, and is totally foreign to the modern point of view. It is not denied that Paul in his day did immense service to Christianity, which he propagated chiefly amongst the liberal Jews of the Dispersion and those philosophic heathen who had already been attracted by the spiritual character of the Jewish conception of God. To such people Rabbinical thought-forms were familiar, and Paul's teaching was admirably adapted for this purpose. The evangelical party at the present day have made frantic attempts to make Christ responsible for Paul's teachings, but even supposing that Paul's vision is placed on the same level as the daily intercourse of the twelve with the Man Jesus Christ (a position which no scientific man would admit for a moment) Paul never asserted that he received more than a brief message from Christ, directing him to seek instructions from the other disciples.