

With the end of the present year the first volume of the new series of HELPS BY THE WAY, will have reached its close. Very cheering has been the encouragement received as to it already, the signs of the Lord's blessing having been abundantly given. It is purposed therefore, if He tarry and permit, to continue as we have begun through the coming year. The Key-Notes to the Books of the Bible will be regularly continued, and it is hoped be helpful to accurate and intelligent reading of the Word; and it is intended to commence a series of papers, also on the varied features of the prospect before us, the exceeding great and precious promises, which are to be fulfilled to us at, and beyond the Coming of the Lord. To these the two articles on 'Our Hope' and 'The Nearness of our Hope,' in the present volume may be considered introductory.

It is proposed, also, to issue, if the Lord will, a Monthly Supplement, devoted to subjects connected with the wide-spread and increasing scepticism of the day. This, it is believed, will meet a decided want, and enable Christians to minister directly to a need more and more appealing to us, as put in trust with that precious Word, which is as sufficient to meet it in one form, as in another. The colleges and schools are by their acceptance of current scientific views, educating a generation of sceptics, and it is with the hope of reaching many of these, that especially the present undertaking is set on foot. Brethren in the Lord are earnestly invited to help in this new field of labour, with their prayers, and personal exertions.

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