

day is near when man will cease to regard the work of Christ as a "Great Exception" in the method of Divine procedure. The protests of Professor Drummond on this line, following, as he does, the profound authors of "*The Unseen Universe*," are well taken. Redemption is not to be studied as a thing apart—"a portion cut off by an insurmountable barrier"¹ from the rest of the Divine works—but as an integral part of a vast whole, the crown and completion of all the forthputtings of the benevolence, the wisdom and the might of Jehovah; and is, therefore, as open to investigation by the human intellect as the rest of His works, and like them, governed by laws consonant with His infinite perfections.

In the introductory chapter to his great work, George Steward has shown us with singular clearness and beauty that the Divine Sovereignty is the aspect of Deity most open to man. He affirms that Self-Existence, Self-Sufficiency and Sovereignty are the leading predicates of God; and that the proper correlates of these are Creation, Providence and Government; and there is neither attribute nor operation of Deity cognizable to us which is not included under one or other of these three heads.² That of Government is the only one that directly concerns us just now; but this, like the Divine Essence, pervades the entire universe. There is neither an atom, a world or a life which is not under God's rule. The reign of divine law is absolutely universal, and always equally beneficent in its objects and ends. Hooker's oft quoted words are sublimely true: "All things in heaven and earth do her homage; the very least, as feeling her care; and the greatest, as not exempted from her power. Both angels, and men, and creatures of whatever condition, though each in different sort and manner, yet all with uniform consent, admiring her as the mother of their peace and joy,"³ With this recognized fact before us, we can no more conceive of the mediation of Christ as outside of God's plan than we can conceive of a world or its inhabitants as exempt from His rule.

That the redemption of man by Jesus Christ is an integral

1. Tait and Stewart, "*The Unseen Universe*," pp. 89, 90.

2. See Steward's "*Mediatorial Sovereignty*," Vol. I., Chap. 1.

3. "*Ecclesiastical Polity*" (Universal Library Edition), p. 129.