

for instance, was attributed by Lloyd to 587, since 1836 to 517, in Bagster's edition of 1846 to 510, in the American edition of 1867 to 487. Scrivener himself puts a mark of interrogation to this and some other questionable dates, and adds a few dates in brackets, as '[B.C. 177]' at Est 11<sup>1</sup>.

It seems to me a pity that even such editions of the A.V. as increased the passages to which dates are given, for instance, the Variorum Bible, show in another respect a painful *capiti diminutio*; all figures referring to the reckoning of the Septuagint are left out in the first six books. At Gn 1<sup>1</sup>, for instance, Scrivener gives: 'B.C. 4004 Hebrew, 5586 (?) Greek'; at 7<sup>10</sup>: B.C. 2349 Hebrew, B.C. 3347 (?) Greek'; and so on 8<sup>13</sup>; 12<sup>1</sup>: 1921, 2040, etc. All other editions which I can

consult give now only, 'B.C. 4004, 2349, 1921.' Has it been considered dangerous to call attention to a fact which earlier times openly acknowledged? I hope the approaching jubilee of the A.V. will give us the history of these dates.

To call attention to the difference in the reckoning of the birth of Abraham seems the more necessary, since Kittel in the new edition of the Herzog-Hauck *Encyclopedia*, xxi. 641, has not a syllable on it, while in the second edition G. Rösch (xvii. 454) had devoted more than a page to this question. I trust the American edition will make good this fault. Truly, Ussher's reckoning, taken over into the A.V., is not such a *quantité négligeable*.

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## Entre Nous.

### The Great Text Commentary.

The best illustrations this month have been found by the Rev. David Reid, B.D., St. John's United Free Church, Leith, and the Rev. J. Evans, Pwllheli, North Wales, to each of whom a copy of Downer's *Mission and Ministration of the Holy Spirit* will be sent; and by the Rev. F. W. Boreham, Hobart, Tasmania, to whom a copy of Adams's *Israel's Ideal* will be sent.

Illustrations for the Great Text for October must be received by the 1st of September. The text is Ps 4<sup>6</sup>.

The Great Text for November is Ps 8<sup>3, 4</sup>:

'When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;  
What is man that thou art mindful of him?  
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?'

A copy of Leckie's *Authority in Religion*, or Barry's *Ideals and Principles of Church Reform*, along with Anderson's *St. Matthew's Gospel*, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for December is Ps 9<sup>9, 10</sup>:

'The Lord also will be a high tower for the oppressed,  
A high tower in times of trouble;

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee;

For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.'

A copy of Durell's *Self-Revelation of our Lord*, or two volumes of Plummer's *English Church History*, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for January is Ps 11<sup>3</sup>:

'If the foundations be destroyed,  
What can the righteous do?'

A copy of Forrest's *Authority of Christ*, or any volume of the 'Scholar as Preacher' series, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for February is Ps 14<sup>1</sup>:

'The fool hath said in his heart,  
There is no God.'

A copy of any volume of the 'International Theological Library,' or of the 'International Critical Commentary,' will be given for the best illustration.

Those who send illustrations should at the same time name the books they wish sent them if successful.

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