ing, tenderness to the fallen, only describe and enjoin
the ideals He had realized, the graces that were per­
sonalized in Him. He who rightly apprehends the
relation of the Personality to the teaching of Christ will
understand why He was and is "full of grace and
truth."

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A BRIEF NOTICE.

THE LIFE AND WORDS OF CHRIST. By Cunningham Geikie, D.D.
Vols. I. and II. (London: Strahan and Co.) It is obviously im­
possible to do justice to these two portly and handsome volumes
in the few sentences which the remnant of this page will hold. I
can only give the briefest indication of their quality and value.
Dr. Geikie's Life of our Lord is not so rhetorical and picturesque
as the popular work of Canon Farrar, nor is it marked by the moral
penetration and force of Mr. Beecher's noble fragment. But it is
far more erudite than either, and must have cost far more study and
labour. It is well and carefully written, and often rises into a sober
and chastened eloquence. And of all the "Lives" we possess, it is
likely to prove most helpful and informing to those who teach and
preach the Word. It supplies them with precisely what they want in
order that they may place the sayings of our Lord in a telling and
picturesque setting of historical circumstances and local colour. It
gives the results of wide reading and immense industry, and is really,
though not formally, an elaborate and invaluable commentary on the
four Gospels.

It has its defects, of course, for it is as true of books as of their
authors, that never was any yet so perfect,

but some defect in it
Did quarrel with the noblest grace it owed,
And put it to the foil.

And the main defect of this book is, perhaps, that Dr. Geikie gives
his reading of a disputed text, or his solution of a difficult problem,
not as his view of it simply, but as though there were none to ques­
tion it. Defects notwithstanding, our advice to all ministers of the
Word who can allow themselves only one Life of Christ, is—By all
means get this.

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