

according to it, Verses 14, 15, and Verses 16, 17, offer two parallel and mutually illustrative, but not identical arguments. Each states a fact as to those who were to benefit by the work of the Saviour, with an object (introduced by *iva*) which it was his aim to realize; and from these two points taken together draws an inference as to the necessity of the incarnation and the passion of Jesus.

## VERSES 14, 15.

The children are mortal flesh and blood; and the object is to deliver them from the fear of death. To do this, Jesus shared their mortal nature, and victoriously underwent death.

## VERSES 16, 17.

Those who are to be helped are the Church elect in Abraham. The object is to provide for the Church an adequate priesthood. To become a high priest Jesus must become like his brethren, the seed of Abraham, and must undergo human sufferings and temptations.

So far the general structure of the argument. The details of Verse 17 with Verse 18 will occupy another paper.

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## BRIEF NOTICES.

LECTURES IN DEFENCE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, by *Professor F. Godet*. Translated by Hon. and Rev. W. H. Lyttelton, M.A. (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark). The cream of this valuable little work appeared in the first series of the EXPOSITOR, in the five articles entitled the Resurrection and the Holiness of Jesus Christ, although, by some oversight, Canon Lyttelton has omitted to mention that fact in his Preface. Our readers will know, therefore, what to expect from it; and doubtless many of them will be glad to possess the work in a separate and complete form. For Dr. Godet has something to say on the Miracles wrought by Christ as well as

on his Resurrection, on his Divinity as well as on his Holiness. And though these Lectures in some measure take their form from a local controversy in which he was suddenly engaged, they are nevertheless full of fine thoughts and cogent arguments which have much more than a local application. Many a stripling will here find an armour which he can wear, and weapons which he can wield, in the conflict with scepticism and unbelief; and, above all, may learn from this accomplished veteran the generous and catholic spirit in which alone that conflict should be waged.

ARKITE WORSHIP, *by Rev. R. Balgarnie.* (London: Nisbet & Co.) And here is another book substantially drawn from the pages of this Magazine—Mr. Balgarnie *not* having forgotten, however, to acknowledge his debt. Many of our readers will remember two striking articles, entitled “As Old as Methusaleh,” which bore his name. These he now reprints with some valuable additions. And whatever may be thought of his main thesis, or of some of the arguments with which he sustains it—and some of these seem open to grave question—it will be admitted, I think, that he gives us a welcome insight into the nature of that great primitive Tradition, if it should not rather be called that great primitive Revelation, of which we find many traces not only in the Old Testament, but also in the sacred books of every ancient race.

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