

Entre Nous.

Two short series of papers of much more than ordinary interest will begin in the next number of THE EXPOSITORY TIMES. The one series, in five papers, will be contributed by Professor Deissmann of Heidelberg. His title is 'The New Testament in the Light of recently discovered Texts of the Græco-Roman World.' The other is a series of Studies in the Fourth Gospel. They are expository rather than critical, and they are marvellously fresh and thoughtful.

Among the contents of the same number will be the account of a discovery which the Professor of Assyriology in Oxford has just made. It is the discovery of a Map of the World of the time of Abraham. The map was made by a Babylonian tourist. It has some light to throw on the geography of the Garden of Eden.

The article on Professor Deissmann which is contained in this issue was written at the suggestion of the Editor of THE EXPOSITORY TIMES.

Messrs. Nisbet & Co. have published the first number of the *Modern Puritan and Christian Quarterly* (1s.), and the first article in it is 'Our Aim.' In that article we read: 'What is called "modern thought" is largely an amalgam of evolutionary, critical, and Spinozistic elements that are radically hostile to the spirit of the New Testament. It is sterilizing the pulpit with icy blasts of scepticism; whilst rationalistic Gnosticizers are turning our theological colleges into forcing-houses of unbelief. In conjunction with the vapourings of a sickly humanitarianism, the smug self-adulation of æsthetic culture, these evil influences are fast reducing to impotence the Churches called evangelical.'

These words speak for themselves. But the *Modern Puritan* is not altogether going to reject modern thought. For one of the articles in this first number is on 'The Creed of Æschylus,' a

subject which twenty years ago no Christian Quarterly would have looked at even from a distance.

The Rev. Felix Asher, who occupies Frederick Robertson's pulpit in Brighton, has a sermon in his Church magazine for July on the Trinity. He has been reading Professor Gwatkin's new book. In a footnote he says: 'This book is, I venture to think, the most vigorous and *teaching* book we have yet had on the subject of Revelation and History.'

The Great Text Commentary.—The best illustration this month has been sent by the Rev. John Whitton, Orrell, near Wigan.

Illustrations of the Great Text for October must be received by the 4th of September. The text is Lk 2^{34, 35}.

The Great Text for November is Lk 2⁴⁰—'How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house?' A copy of Moulton's *Grammar of New Testament Greek*, or of Bain's *New Reformation* together with Hodgson's *Primitive Education*, or any two volumes of the 'Scholar as Preacher' series, will be given for the best illustration. Illustrations must be received by the 4th of October.

The Great Text for December is Lk 5⁸—'But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' A copy of Patrick's *James the Lord's Brother*, or of Forrest's *Authority of Christ*, or of Dawson Walker's *Gift of Tongues* together with Zahn's *Bread and Salt from the Word of God*, will be given for the best illustration. Illustrations must be received by the 4th of November.

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

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