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TO MY WIFE

"The spirit of the Lord Jahwe is upon me ; because Jahwe hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek ; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound ; to proclaim the year of Jahwe's favor,"

ISAIAH lxi., 1, 2.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the
poor :
He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. . . ."

"To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears."

LUKE iv., 18-21.

"Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets :
I came not to destroy, but to fulfil."

MATTHEW v., 17.

INTRODUCTION

THE most noteworthy and far-reaching contribution of the past quarter century to the scholarly yet reverent study of the Scriptures has been the unreserved adoption of the historical method of approach. When the Bible is viewed as a noble religious literature, the record in varied form of the gradual disclosure, through an historic people, of an adequate idea of God in His active relationship with the physical and moral universe, a new conception of its dominant value is sure to be developed. In place of an acceptance based upon its definite, unchanged transmission of the formulated declarations of God, there tends to grow up a reliance upon the Bible because it is a faithful transcript of the most pertinent human religious experience, reflecting all phases of the normal growth of a real consciousness of relationship with God and formulating successive approximations to eternal truth. The Bible becomes a manual of life rather than an authoritative digest of decisions.

This change of emphasis is not to be deplored. It does have the effect of making prominent the human element in the Bible, but only because the normal share of man in the revelation of divine truth has been overlooked in times past. It exhibits revelation as a progressing achievement, made more definite and final in character in proportion to the widening