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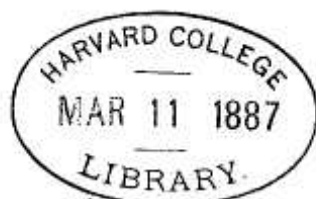
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## I.

### The Wilderness.\*

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S. MATTHEW IV. 1.

*"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."*

It is certainly a fact full of significance, that the first impulse of the Divine Spirit after having descended on Christ should be to drive Him into seclusion. The Baptism had been attended with marvellous signs—the opening of Heaven, the visible descent of the Spirit, and the voice proclaiming the Sonship of Christ. This was a manifestation of Christ to the people, before He began His mission; a proclamation to all those who came to Jordan to the baptism of Repentance, that He was come, of Whom the prophets had spoken, and to Whom John the Baptist was the herald.

Then—when He had thus been declared to be the expected of Israel—then the Spirit leads Him away from the society of men to spend forty days and nights in prayer and fasting in the wilderness. It was almost certainly the

\* Suitable for the First Sunday in Lent.