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A. F. W. INGRAM.

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INTRODUCTORY

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends."—ST. JOHN xv. 14, 15.

I HAVE chosen for the subject of our meditation this Lent "Friends of the Master," but the title instantly raises a question in our minds which must be settled on this first evening before we go any further. Can CHRIST have friends? Is there not something irreverent in the title? Is He not lifted so absolutely above us as to make all talk of friendship impossible? And the question brings us face to face with the whole difficulty of the conditions of our LORD'S human life on earth.

(1.) Was He a real man, as well as GOD? Had He a man's heart—not only a man's sym-