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THE WORD OF THE CROSS

“The preaching of the cross.”—1 Cor. i. 18 (A.V.).

“The word of the cross.”—1 Cor. i. 18 (R.V.).

OUR text is not a sentence of Scripture, as texts usually are, but a single expression. It is, however, an exceedingly striking expression. That is, perhaps, not apparent from the translation of it which is given in the Authorized Version. The “Preaching of the Cross,” as the familiar rendering is, does not do justice to the original phrase. The “Preaching of the Cross” suggests what may be described as evangelical preaching—that type of preaching which makes the Cross its chief, and indeed its only, subject. A distinction seems to be implied between various kinds of discourses—ethical, philosophical, biographical, and so on—but these are all left out of account; and the discourses, which are declared to be invested with the power of God unto salvation, are those which concentrate on “Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.” The “Preaching” that is worthy of the name of