

To Brooke Foss Westcott

EDITOR,

"THE EXPOSITORY TIMES,"

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My dear Sir

Your kind letter has given me great pleasure.

It comes as a word of encouragement to one who owes you almost his life. In I have been a reader of books, and, when in much doubt, your Gospel & the Resurrection did much to clear my way, and later your Historic Faith gave me firm footing. If I can now do anything to please you, it will be the greatest happiness to me.

"The Expository Times" has been received with a cordial appreciation far exceeding my expectation. I knew that something was needed by the rank and file of the ministry, scholarly without being heavy, and not too dear, that wd alone all things encourage them to genuine expository work, and after much thought I made this venture. I am glad to say that not only ministers but intelligent laymen are welcoming it very heartily, and there is now no fear of its success.

Most of the work is done by myself, but I have room in every number for one sermon and one general paper.

The Sermon in the Feb. number is contributed by a young man of great ability - Dr Andrew Thomson's colleague in Edinburgh. If he lives he will be a power on the side of evangelical religion in our Scottish metropolis.

If you will give me liberty to do so, I should like very much to publish your Sermon on the late Bishop of Durham in the March number. The proof of it, which I ask to have early from the printer in order to send to you, came this morning along with your letter.

I am the more encouraged to make the request.

I have drawn attention to your Commentary on Hebrews in the Feb. number, and also bought a copy for our Presbyterian Book Club of which I am Secretary.

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Dear Sir

Very faithfully yours

James Hastings