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THE attentive reader of God's Word has, doubtless, observed an analogy between the Book of Joshua and the Epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians. The object of this little volume is to direct the mind to that analogy, and to lead the reader to search more deeply into the truths which are illustrated by the book of Joshua.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples (types, margin): and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Cor. x. 11.)

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

IT is generally accepted, that the Book of Joshua consists of two sections. The first, ch. i. to xii., gives the record of the conquest of the land; the second, ch. xiii. to xxiv., of the distribution of the land among the tribes.

The first section begins with an exhortation to possess, and after the words, "And the land rested from war," ends with the numbering up of victories. The second section begins with the word of the Lord, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," and closes with Joshua's warning to the people, and with the account of his death.

The first is vigorous with divine energy. It is power, strength in the Lord, and in the power of His might; and the failures recorded in it, are failures in action. The second is chiefly inaction—and inaction is of itself failure—yet, instances of zeal for the Lord are to be found in it. This rise and fall tells in few words the history of every

era, in which responsibility to maintain their position has been entrusted to God's people, who, alas, after beginning their course full of zeal, self-denial, and the spirit of victory, have often sunk down into premature rest; and, as a necessary consequence, have become indifferent and worldly.

And if, in this state of indifference, the spirit of selfconfidence gains a place, restoration, if effected, is wrought by God through discipline.

May we receive and be energized by the healthful instruction which this Book contains, for its teachings are peculiarly fitted for our luxurious day.

THE LEADER.

"Moses My servant is dead; now, therefore, Arise."-Joshua i. 2.

IN the wisdom of God, the Scripture histories of many of the holy men of old present Christ to us under varied types.

Moses typifies Jesus bringing His people out of the land of condemnation, whilst Moses and Aaron typify Jesus Christ leading His people through this wilderness world. Moses did not lead Israel into Canaan. Joshua, who typifies the Lord Jesus Christ as the Captain of our salvation, was appointed for that service.

In the book which is before us, Moses, "the drawn out," Jehovah's servant appointed to bring forth His people out of Egypt, has passed from the scene. Jehovah has buried him, and hidden the place of his sepulchre to this day. (Dout. xxxiv. 6.)

Joshua takes his place, and the name of Joshua is also significant. Originally he was called Oshea (Deliverance), but this was increased to Jehoshua, or Joshua, which means "The Lord's salvation."

Moses was dead, and Joshua was Israel's divinely appointed leader, therefore Israel's path of obedience and blessing was in following their new captain.