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Memoir of Henry Venn, B.D.  
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*Wednesday, September 28th, 1853.*—Went to breakfast with Chev. Bunsen, and was introduced by him to Dr. Rosen, Prussian Consul at Jerusalem. At breakfast, Lady Raffles, Bunsen's family, and Dr. Betteocher. Bunsen showed me a work he is carrying through the press, being the 'Apostolical Constitutions and Works of Hippolytus,' printed in Greek, according to the Benedictine edition; but the parts which may now be proved to have been interpolated at a later date are in small type, showing that two-thirds at least of what are reported to be the works of the Fathers are forgeries. Dr. Betteocher is the real author, who is a first-rate Syriac, Arabic, as well as Greek scholar, and has mastered the Galla and Coptic languages. I had lately supplied him with some of our East African publications, and he is a most intelligent philologist. At breakfast Bunsen stated that he had had a long conversation a few weeks ago with Lord Aberdeen about China [who] stated in the strongest terms his determination that perfect neutrality should be preserved. I mentioned the fact of the Romish Archbishop at Shanghae having suddenly left for Europe, as it was said, to engage French intervention on behalf of the Imperialists; but Bunsen replied that there was not the least fear while the fleets of England and America were on the (p. 229) seas. . . . Dr. Rosen gave a most interesting account of his visit last Easter to the Samaritans at Nablous (Sychar). He was intimate with the high-priest of the Samaritans, who invited him to be present; the day previous he took him up Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal—showed him the site of Samaria and the spot on Mount Gerizim on which the temple stood. There were no ruins, but a few stones and a hole in the ground in which fuel was prepared. This the high-priest pronounced to be the very spot at which victims had been slain for 2,000 years. . . . [The account of the sacrifices, etc., interesting, but now well known.] . . . Bunsen thought Dr. Krapf had done no mischief, and that the French would not dare to make a settlement on the Imam's territories. . . .

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