

ever saw, that that was one of the worse. The sermon that he had written was ever bit as good as any that Dr. MacCartney ever wrote. This man was a man who wrote hundreds of sermons, but he ~~was~~ was primarily a scholar. Most people would think of Dr. MacCartney as a great preacher. Maybe you might think <sup>(13)</sup> he was, but that is no reason to win an argument like that for it. I think that the lack of tact, which Christian people use, ~~is~~ in the sense of ~~thinking~~ thinking they are advancing the cause of Christ, sometimes you ~~think~~ wonder that God bothers with them. But ~~the~~ <sup>Rebekkah</sup> ~~hassan~~ here gives us an example. In this case, she didn't deceive any body. She didn't say a word that wasn't true, but she didn't say the things that were unnecessary, to each of these people. She took the thing that she thought would be the best case in the particular situation, and she gave it. And the result was that she accomplished in each case, that which the Lord desired to have accomplished. Now we go on to d. Jacob. And in d, we take 1. The general outline of the material aspect of his life.

a. His youth and in Canaan. And there in Canaan he lived with his father and mother as Abraham had lived going up and down that hill country there.

Jacob & Esau. ( 2. (0)

Mostly at the time of Abraham.

b. Mesopotamia. Jacob went up to Mesopotamia, and stayed there a good many years. Rebekkah sent him up hoping he would stay there just a very short time. He would make a brief visit. He would get a wife. After all, Abraham's servant went up there. He was only there two or three days, and he came back with a wife for Isaac. Surely, it wouldn't take this attractive young fellow, Jacob, over two months at the most to get a wife from the kindred up there and bring one back. But she did not reckon with the avarice of her brother Laban. Her brother Laban was glad to have Jacob as a son-in-law, but he was ready to sell him very dearly, every thing that he gave. And so Jacob was tied up there for a good many years, before he was able to get away. Now this, from our viewpoint of Biblical corroboration is a very interesting thing, because that land of Mesopotamia, up there, Western Mesopotamia, from this point is good deal better known to us than Palestine is. The reason for that being of course, that the people up there were further away from Egypt, and being further away from Egypt, they didn't have access to ~~Empyrenas~~ <sup>Empyrenas</sup> papyrus to give them convenient writing material, on which they could write, with much less bother than to write on clay tablets, and it was easier to read, but not as good. It would last a century or two, or under ideal conditions, a few centuries. But clay tablets would last forever. And so from