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Even if we assume that all the above conjectures are true, there are still other serious obstacles. For instance, the analysis has omitted altogether the consideration of one famous 'displacement,' viz. that of xviii, 24, which ought apparently to come between vv. 13 and 14 of the same chapter. Again, it is necessary for the theory to assume that the reading *palin* ('again') in iv, 3, is an interpolation—it may be, but it has considerable MS support.

The suggested rearrangement of the Gospel does not therefore carry conviction; for while we are prepared to admit the existence of the problem created by some of these discontinuities and 'displacements' we feel that no compelling reason has been given for changing our view that the real explanation is more likely to lie in the Semitic mind of St. John than in a breeze that blew away the leaves. Nevertheless, we think that Mr. Hoare's book is a noteworthy contribution to the theory of accidental displacement and that he has stated with moderation, thoroughness and lucidity all that can be said from that standpoint.

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