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The accomplishment of the Prophecies relating to Christ's birth, actions, and sufferings, is what the Evangelists meant to shew. They have quoted these Prophecies, and applied them to Him; and the tenour of this work is to prove, that they have quoted faithfully, and adjudged truly. Their adjudication

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I have endeavoured to explain and vindicate; but whether my explanation will fatisfy my readers, I know not. I proceeded on principles which many learned and religious men heretofore affumed as right, though now, perhaps, thought by fome inadmiffible. When I followed them, I followed confcientiously the serious and best result of my judgement; and if any one is disposed to controvert the positions I have laid down, let him know, that as I always disliked polemical divinity; so I am now especially too old to dispute about religion; and live only for the hope it inspires.

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THE

MODES OF QUOTATION

USED BY THE

EVANGELICAL WRITERS, &c

SECTION I.

BJECTIONS of various kinds have been made to the truth of the Christian Religion: but no objections of any kind seem to bear so hard upon it as those which are drawn from the differences that occur between the quotations in the New Testament and the passages to which they refer in the Old. On these differences, therefore, Jews and Insidels particularly insist, and largely expatiate. It would be endless to retail all their arguments, for they are sufficient to fill volumes. The substance of them, how-

ever, may be completely reduced to the following, fummary:

"Fidelity," fay they, "requires that all quota"tions should be made exact, strictly conformable to
"the words of the authors quoted: and likewise used
"in the very same sense in which those authors used
"them. But so far are the Evangelists from observing
"these equitable and necessary rules, that they often
"transpose and alter the words—add to, or diminish
"from, the sentences recorded—and then make them
"speak a quite different sense from that which the
"Prophets intended *: and therefore, being sound
"such false witnesses for God, they can justly be en"titled to no credit from men; especially when they
disagree so remarkably in their evidence, and differ
"so widely, in the very same quotations, from each
"other."

This is the sum of that mighty charge which infidels have brought against the Evangelists; by which

^{* &}quot;Sunt qui asserunt, in omnibus pœne testimoniis, quæ de veteri "Testamento sumuntur, istiusmodi esse errorem, ut aut ordo mutetur, "aut verba; et interdum sensus quoque ipse diversus sit." HIERON. in Mica, cap. v. 2. Vide porrò Cappel. Critic. Sacr. lib. II. c. IV. they

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they hoped to destroy their credit, and with it the evidence of the Gospels they penned. Now, to invalidate the force of this charge, and set the points on which it is founded in their proper light, I shall,

First, compare the several Quotations, made by the Evangelists, with each other, and with their correspondent passages in the Old Testament, in order to ascertain the real differences between them.

Secondly, I shall endeavour to account for those differences where-ever they occur, and thereby to reconcile the Evangelists with the Prophets, and with each other,

Thirdly, I shall show, that all the Quotations, so reconciled, are justly applied; and fully prove the several points which they are brought to establish.

SECTION II.

I Should now, according to the method proposed, compare the quotations made by the Evangelists with the parallel places in the Old Testament. But, before we enter on this comparison, it will be necessary to determine what Standard they are to be compared with—the Hebrew text, or the Greek version.

This is an article of great importance; and, though often discussed, still remains in a state of uncertainty. For several authors of great note stand here on different sides*, and have left us the difficult task of settling the point between them:

It

* IRENEUS contra Hæref. lib. III. cap. 25; Olympion. ap. Comitati. Cat. patr. Gr. in Job.; Vossius, de Oracul. Sibyl. cap. XIV.; and many others affirm, that the Evangelists quoted from the Greek version. On the contrary, Jerom. Præf. in Paralip.—in Josh.—Apolog. secund. adv. Ruf. & sæpe alibi. Surenhusius, de Formulis et Modis Allegandi, &c. and several others, contend, that they quoted from the Hebrew, which they translated for themselves. And St. Austin is of opinion, that they did not confine themselves particularly to either, but sometimes quoted from the one, and sometimes from the other, as they judged proper. "Quia et ipsi (Apostoli) ex "utrisque,

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It is allowed on all hands, that, as the Old Testament Prophecies were delivered in *Hebrew*, and the Gospels were penned in *Greek*, the Evangelists must either have translated for themselves, or else have adopted the *Septuagint* version, which was the only one extant at that time.

Both these methods lay equally before them, and they might make choice of either, as they thought proper. Now, if we suppose that they chose the first, and always translated the Hebrew for themselves, we shall find them exposed to many difficulties, which otherwise they might have easily avoided; and which prudence indeed would have directed them to avoid.

1. In the first place, it would have been an useless, unnecessary undertaking; for the translation was already made to their hands with great care and acknowledged fidelity. And therefore they seem, ge-

[&]quot;utrisque, i.e. ex Hebræis, et ex Septuaginta Testimonia prophe"tica posuerunt." De Civ. Dei, lib. XVIII. cap. 44. Vide porrò
Cappel. Cr. Sacr. lib. II. cap. 4.

^{*} Aristens, ap. Hody de LXX. p. 34, 35; Philo, de Vit. Moss, lib. II.; Joseph. Antiq. lib. XII. sect. 2; Hody, Hist. Auctor. Heb. Text. &c. p. 1. lib. III. c. 1. sect. 4.

nerally speaking, to have had nothing more to do but to adopt and apply it as occasion required.

- 2. In this way, no objections could be formed against them; whereas, had they gone in the other, and translated for themselves, the Jews would have disputed the authority of their version, would have perpetually charged it with errors and corruptions, and brought the other, that was highly esteemed, and in common use, to support the charge against it.
- 3. Besides, had the Evangelists rejected the Septuagint version, they would have greatly injured their own cause. For, by such a mark of their disapprobation, they would have first discouraged their converts from reading it, and then have precluded themselves from the advantage of appealing to it in their frequent conferences with the Hellenistick Jews, &c. And yet how were these people to be brought over to the Christian saith, but by searching in that version of the Scriptures, if the things told them were really so?

To obviate, therefore, these cavils and inconveniences, the Evangelists, we may presume, chose rather ther to follow, in general, that common version *, against which the Jews had then nothing to object, and for which the first converts had a high veneration.

This we conclude at prefent from the state of the times and the circumstances of things: hereaster we shall confirm it in some degree by the evidence of sacts. Confirm it, I say, in some degree; for, though we should suppose it to be a real sact, that the Evangelists quoted generally from the Septuagint version, yet we are by no means to expect that the several quotations should perfectly agree with the copies we have now in our hands. The Evangelists had probably the genuine work before them; for sew, if any errors, could creep into the copies in those early times, when they were carefully transcribed, critically examined, and publicly read in the synagogues. Asterwards, indeed, they soon underwent, by the agency of various

concurring

^{**} Notandum. "Evangelistas sequutos Vers. LXX. in plerisque, "quæ et maximæ authoritatis erat apud Hellenistas, et multis præ "manibus, quando id sieri poterat salva dictorum propheticorum substantia, tum ut libertatem suam ostenderent, tum ne in re levi et adiaphora malis cavillorum, infirmis scandali occasionem ullam præberent." Spanhem. Dub. Evang. tom. II. D. XIX. p. 48. Vide etiam Cappel. Crit. Sacr. lib. II. c. I. sect. 2 and 9.

concurring causes, very great and signal alterations*; insomuch, that before the days of Origen, i.e. before the beginning of the third century, different copies had different readings, which varied widely from one another. Of all those different copies, we have yet only two of good repute, to which we may considently refer; and therefore can form but a very impersect judgement how nearly the quotations agreed at first with the true text of that Greek version.

This, however, we are sure of, that the differences between them are considerably diminished, since the discovery of the Alexandrian Manuscript, from what they appeared to be before, when we could only compare them with the Vatican. And were we possessed of a still greater number of ancient copies, we should doubtless find the agreement still more general and perfect †.

Not that I think it was absolutely necessary that the Evangelists should servilely adhere to the Septua-

^{*} Vide Grab. de Vitiis LXX. Interpret. &c. passim.

This conclusion is, in some measure, confirmed by the quotations in the ancient fathers, who made them from the copies they had then in their hands. And upon this foundation it is that they are introduced hereafter as vouchers for the genuine reading.

gint version in all places. Some books of the Old Testament are allowed to have been translated with much less judgement and accuracy than others *: and therefore the New Testament writers, whenever they quoted those books, might assume the liberty of altering some words, the better to express the sense of the original, and yet justly defend themselves by instances taken from that very translation in other places. Nor are there reasons wanting, that would induce us to conclude they sometimes did so. And this it seems they did on these two accounts:—First, lest, by adhering perpetually to the Greek translation, they should be thought to make it perfectly authentick, and consequently canonical. And, secondly, that they might preserve to the Hebrew text that due authority which it justly claimed, and which indeed it ought to obtain. Wherefore, in comparing the quotations with the Septuagint version, I shall preserve throughout a strict regard to the original Hebrew, not only as it stands in the printed text, but as it is exhibited also in particular manuscripts. For the Hebrew being corrupted in many places, as well as the Greek, the true

text

^{*} Vide Hodium de Bibl. Text. originalibus, &c. lib. II. cap. 10.

text of either is not confined to any fingle edition, but lies dispersed through all editions and manuscripts; whose aid we must therefore call in, to correct, reftore, and settle it *.

Nor do I think, even in places translated right, that it is in any wise necessary to adhere strictly to the words of the passage quoted. If the sense and meaning be persectly conveyed, though not in the same but in equivalent terms, the design and purport of the quotation is, in my opinion, sully answered . For it is the sense and meaning of Scripture, and not the words of it, that is truly and properly Scripture. Compare the first injunction that was given to Man, Gen. ii. 16, 17, with the recital of it, Gen. iii. 2, 3, and see how different the words are, though the sense is persectly the same. Compare likewise the ten commandments delivered in Exod. xx. 2, &c. with the same recited Deut. v. 6, &c. and you cannot but

^{*} It plainly appears, from the quotations that occur in the writings of the apostolical and early fathers, and especially from those frequent and large citations extant in the works of Justin Martyr, that the Septuagint copies, which they possessed, were, in various places, extremely different from any of those that are yet come down to us.

Vide Spanhem. Dub. Evang. passim.

allow, that words may be altered, transposed, omitted, or superadded, and yet the sense be the same, and the passages equivalent to each other.

This at least the Jews allowed; for such modes of quotation their Rabbins adopted early, and continued the use of them far beyond the days of our Saviour. The primitive Fathers followed their example, and quoted often very nearly in the same manner; careful indeed to express the sense and meaning of the texts but not solicitous about the words of it.

The quotations, it is to be observed, are generally introduced in the New Testament by certain formulas, such as—Ουτω γέγραπλαι, Ίνα πληρωθή, κ.τ.λ. which some authors imagine to be the indications of the modes in which they are expressed: " insomuch, that

[&]quot; Ne dicam de genuino illo quo Hebræi pro diverso materiæ re"spectu Scripturarum locos allegare solent modo; nempe, ut non
"omnia verbotenus vocabula eosque ordine quo in Scripturis extant,
"sed interdum priora, interdum posteriora, imo nonnunquam alias
"plane voces sensum clarius indigitantes ponant." Surenbusius, in
Præf. ad Misnam.

^{† &}quot;Hujusmodi explicationes in citandis Scripturis Veteris Testa-"menti non sunt alienæ a Patribus, aut Novo Testamento." Wot. in S. Clem. ad Corinth. Ep. I. sect. 3.

"know why the Evangelists alledge the subsequent words in a certain manner, rather than in another; and why they depart more or less from the Hebrew text*." But when we find that the very same quotations, expressed in the same words, and brought to prove the very same points, are introduced by different formulas in different Gospels, we can pay but little regard to such an opinion.

It seems to be the chief, if not the sole, intent of these formulas, to apprise the reader, that the words annexed are either taken from, or have some reference to, the books of the Old Testament. And the variations observable in them may sometimes arise from the nature of the subjects, and sometimes from the cast and turn of the discourse; though more frequently owing, if I mistake not, to the Modes of speaking currently used at those times, and to the

imitation

^{* &}quot;Videndum est prius, qua allegandi formula utantur Apostoli, "ex quâ statim dignoscere licet, quare sequentia verba hoc, et non "alio modo allegaverint, atque ad veterem Scripturam Hebræam plus minusve attenderint; sic alium sensum involvit illa allegandi "formula Eposton; alium respectation," &c. Surenhus. Præs. ad Lib. de Form. & Mod. allegandi, &c.

imitation of former writers. For the historical books of the Old Testament abound in forms similar to those which occur in the Gospels, and all subservient to the same ends.

Τhus, 'Ως γέγραπ]αι, Marc. i. 2. Luc. iii. 4, &c.

*Ως γέγραπ]αι, 2 Paral. xxx. 12. Nehem. x. 34, &c.
Καθῶς γέγραπ]αι, Luc. ii. 23. A&t. xv. 16, &c.
Καθῶς γέγραπ]αι, 4 Reg. xiv. 6. Dan. ix. 13, &c.

*Εςι γεγραμμένον, Joan. vi. 31, 45, &c.

*Ην γεγραμμένον, Nehem. vi. 6, &c.
Μωσῆς ἔγραψεν, Marc. xii. 19. Luc. xx. 28, &c.

*Εγραψε Μουσῆς, Εχοά. xxiv. 4, &c. &c.

*Ίνα πληρωθῆναι λόγον κυρίε, 2 Paral. xxxvi. 21. 3 Reg.
ii. 27, &c.
Προεφήτευσεν Ἡσαΐας, Matt. xv. 8. Mar. vii. 6.

Προεφήτευσεν Έλιέζες, 2 Paral. xx. 38. Esdr. v. 1, &c.

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This being premised, let us now advance to the first particular; and compare the several quotations in the Gospels, &c. with each other, and also with their correspondent passages in the Old Testament, in order to ascertain the real Differences between them.

SECTION

SECTIONIII

A Table of the Quotations in the Gospels, and A&s of the Apostles, with the parallel Places in the Septuagint Version; to which are severally annexed some necessary Notes and Observations.

No. I.

Matth. i. 23. Ίνα ωληρωθή τὸ ξηθέν— Ἰδὰ, ἡ ωαρθένος ἐν γαςρὶ ἔξει, καὶ τέξελαι ὑιὸν, καὶ καλέσεσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῦ Ἐμμανεήλ.

Hai. vii. 14.
γαςςὶ ἔξει, καὶ τέξελαι ὑιὸν, καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτᾶ Ἐμμανεήλ.
Αλεχ.

Kaλέσεσι] Cant. Καλέσεις. Heb. τικτρι et vocabis; but analogy seems to require it should be τικτρι et vocabit, as the Chaldee Paraphrase and Vulgate Version. The Syr. Vers. has vanethoro, i. e. et vocabitur. And so Just. M. Καλέσεραι τὸ ἄνομα ἀυρέ, which is certainly the true meaning of the text, whether we read καλέ-

σεις or καλέσεσι.—N. B. MS. I D 2, Brit. Mus. and MS. Nov. Coll. Oxon. read, in conformity with Justin Martyr, καλέσελαι.

But the chief thing to be observed is, that the prophecy is a compound one, as I shall shew hereaster; and that the Evangelist quoted no more of it than what related to his subject. And in this quotation it is carefully to be noted, that the Greek h waglévos, as well as its correspondent Hebrew העלכה, is emphatical, and means not a virgin in general, but that particular virgin that was prophesied of from the beginning; and whose seed was to bruise the serpent's head: which seed, or son, is called here by the Prophet Έμμανεήλ, but by the Angel, Luke i. 31, Ίήσες, viz. in Hebrew, Jehoshua, God the Saviour: yet is the prophecy clearly fulfilled. For, as Bishop Pearson justly argues, "What else is God with us, than God our Saviour? Well therefore hath the Evangelist " conjoined the Prophet and the Angel, asserting that "Christ was therefore named Jesus, because it was "foretold he should be called Emmanuel; the ange-66 lical God the Saviour being in the highest propriety the prophetical God with us," Exp. of the Creed,

p. 71. See also Tertullian adv. Judæos, p. 192, ed. Rigalt:

To confirm what has been said above, it is to be observed further, that not occurs but twice more in Scripture, viz. Gen. xxiv. 43, Exod. ii. 8; and in both places denotes a particular and distinguished virgin. In the sirst, Rebekah, afterwards the wife of Isaac; and in the other, Miriam, the sister of Moses. By this, I do not mean to introduce a mystery, though Salmero, and others of his profession, have laboured hard, on weaker grounds, to find out the Virgin Mary. I mean hereby only to resute the perverse sophisms of Jews and Insidels.

No. II.

- Matth. ii. 6. Οὖτω γέγεαπ]αι—Καὶ σὺ Βηθλεὲμ, γη Ἰέδα, ἐδαμῶς ἐλαχίςη εἶ ἐν τοῖς ἡγεμόσιν Ἰέδα· ἐκ σε γὰς ἐξελεύσε]αι ἡγέμενος, ὅςις σοιμανεῖ τὸν λαόν με, τὸν Ἰσεαήλ.
- Mich. v. φ.

 Έφραθα, δλιγος ος εἶ τε εἶναι ἐν χιλίασιν

 Ἰέδα ἐκ σε μοι ἐξελέυσελαι ἡγεμενος τε εἶναι
 εἰς ἄρχονλα ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ.

 Αλεχ.

Though

Though the Septuagint Greek nearly agrees with the Hebrew, and both contradict the Evangelist, yet it is evident from the Arabic version, and what Jerom fays in his Comment, that the LXX had originally the negative particle µn, which indeed is now extant in the Barberinian MS. for it reads un odiyosos. So likewise the primitive Fathers. For Justin Martyr has Edunis έλαχίση, Dialog. cum Tryph. p. 234; Tertullian, non minima, adv. Judæos, § 13; Origen, εκ ολιγόςος, contra Cels. lib. i. p. 39; Cyprian, non exigua, adv. Iudæos, lib. ii. § 12. Whence some have concluded. that the particle x's being somehow dropped from the Hebrew, the Greek was afterwards altered to it. But others think differently, and suppose the texts may be perfectly reconciled, either, 1°, by reading the first member of the prophecy interrogatively; for then it will imply a negation, which is the opinion of Grotius, &c. Or, 2°, by taking the word vys tsair to mean great as well as little; which is the sentiment of the learned Dr. Pocock. Notæ Miscel. cap. ii. and Com. on Micah.

I shall leave the whole to the Reader's Judgement, with this single observation, that, if we read interrogatively,

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gatively, the Hebrew text is right; otherwise it seems that ruys should, in grammatical construction, be now.—N. B. In confirmation of the above reading, it may now be further remarked, that MS. Brit. Mus. I B 2, Pachom. MS. Laud. K. 96, MS. Coll. Novi, uniformly read μη δλιγοςδς.

No. III.

Matth. ii. 15. Ίνα ωληςωθή το ξήθεν---

Έξ Αἰγύπ] ε ἐκάλεσα τὸν ὑιόν με.

Ηοί. Χί. τ. Εξ. Αἰγύπ]ε μετεκάλεσα τὰ τέκνα αὐτε.

Alex. Vatica

Aquila. Από Αἰγύπ εκάλεσα τον υιόν με.

Hebr. לכני

The Evangelist agrees exactly with the Hebrew; from which the Seventy differ widely. Whether they read νέειν contractedly νέειν οι rendered the present reading plurally by τά τέκνα αὐτε, to preserve the analogy, or whether the place has been altered by some bold transcriber, I cannot pretend to determine. One would be apt, however, to imagine, by their rendering νετεκάλεσα, revocavi, which is never done but

but in this place, that they had their eyes on some remarkable deliverance out of Egypt subsequent to that by Moses. If this Book of Hosea was translated soon after the Pentateuch, and there be any Truth in the story of Aristeas, that 198,000 Jewish captives were released by Ptolemy Philadelphus just before that version was undertaken, it is not unlikely the remembrance of fuch an act might so impress the minds of the translators, as to make them fancy it was referred to in this text, and consequently dispose them to render the words in the manner they have done. That something of this kind was the case, I am the more inclined to believe, because Aquila, Symmachus, and Theodotion, follow the present Hebrew Text, and confirm the quotation made by the Evangelist.

No. IV.

Matth. ii. 18. Τότε ἐπληςώθη τὸ ξηθὲν—Φωνη ἐν Ῥαμᾳ πκέσθη, θεῆνος ἢ κλαυθμὸς ἢ ὀδυρμὸς πολύς, ዮαχηλ κλαίεσα τὰ τέκνα αύτῆς, ἢ ἐκ ἤθελε παρακληθῆναι, ὅτι ἐκ εἰσί.

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Jerem. xxxviii. 15. Φωνη ἐν Ἡαμῷ ηκέσθη Θεήνε, κὰ κλαυθμε, κὰ ἐδυρμε (a), Ἡαχηλ αποκλαιομένης (b) ἐπι τῶν ὑιῶν αὑτῆς, κὰ ἐκ ἤθελεν το αρακληθηναι, ὅτι ἐκ εἶσιν. Alex.

- (a) Ed. Compl. Θεήνος, κ κλαυθμός, κ δουρμός, and so.

 MS. Pachom. Br. Must. 1 B 2.
 - (b) Vatic. ἀποκλαιομένη.

Justin M. quotes this text exactly as the Evange-list; omitting 9envos is. Dialog. cum Tryph. p. 238, Ed. Jebb.

No. V.

Matth. ii. 23. Όπως σεληςωθή τὸ ξηθεν διὰ τῶν Προφητῶνς. ὅτι Ναζωραΐος κληθήσελαι.

Jud. xiii. 5. ὅτι Ναζειραΐου (Heb. τίν) ἔται τῷ Θεῷ τὸ Παιδάριου.

Παιδάριου.

Conf. v. 7. et cap. xvi. 17.

JEROM places the Book of Judges among the Prophets, and so perhaps did the more ancient Jews. The texts are amazingly apposite. And Samson, it is allowed, was a type of Christ. He was born to be a deliverer. And the same may be said of Joseph, another אויר. Gen. xlix. 26, and Deut. xxxiii. 16, De his plura vide apud Spanhem. Dub. Evangel. D. xciii. Huet. Demonstr. Evang. Propos. ix. cap. clxx. § xv. p. 733.

No. VI.

- Matth. iii. 3. Οὖτός ἔςιν ὁ ξηθεὶς φωνη βοῶντος ἐν τη ἐζήμω, Ἑτοιμάσαλε την ὁδὸν Κυζίε, ἐυθείας τοιθέτε τὰς τρίβες αὐτε.
- Marc. i. 3. ΄ Ως γέγραπ αι Φωνη βοώντος εν τη έρημω, Ετοιμάσα ε την δόδον Κυρίε, ευθείας ωσείτε τας τρίβες αυτέ.
- Luc. iii. 4, &c. 'Ως γέγραπ αι φωνη βοῶντος ἐν τῆ ἐρήμω, Ετοιμάσατε την ὁδον Κυρίε, εὐθείας τοιεῖτε τὰς τρίθες αὐτε. Πᾶσα φάραγξ ωληςωθήσε αι, καὶ τὰ ὅρος καὶ βενὸς ταπεινωθήσε αι καὶ ες αι τὰ σκολιὰ εἰς ἐυθείαν, καὶ αὶ τραχεῖαι εἰς ὁδες λείας Καὶ ὅψε αι τῶσα σὰρξ τὸ σωτήριον τε Θεε.

Joan.

 * E ϕ η , Έγω φωνή βοώντος έν τή Joan. i. 23. έρημω, Ευθύναζε την δδον Κυρίε καθώς εἶπεν 'Ησαίας.

φωνή βοώντος έν τη Isai. xl. 3, &c. έρημω, Ετοιμάσαζε την δόδον Κυρίε, εύθείας ωοιείτε τας τείβες τε Θεε ήμων.

Πασα φάραγξ ωληρωθήσελαι, και ωάν όρος καὶ βενός ταπεινωθήσεζαι καὶ έςαι τα σκολια είς εύθειαν, και ή τραχεία είς όδες λείας . Καὶ όψε]αι σᾶσα σὰςξ τὸ σωτήριον τε Θεέ.

Alex. Vat.

H reaxin is evidently an error of the transcribers, for the Hebrew is plural στις, i. e. αι τραχείαι, Vulg. aspera. So Cypr. adv. Judæos, lib. ii. § 6.— N. B. Ai τραχεΐαι, MS. 1 D 2, Brit. Mus.

Τὸ σωτήριον τε Θεε.] How the LXX read to make out this sense I know not. The Heb. is 1717, jachdav, which we render pariter, together; but they might render it σωτήριον αὐτε, and, for the sake of perspicuity Oss; for whom we would save from imminent danger, we lay hold of, embrace, and unite to ourselves; which is the idea conveyed by the root an. If this be not allowed, would it be too much to suppose that the word should be read in, jechido, unigenitum ejus, his only begotten? The whole verse would
then run in this manner: "The glory of the Lord
"shall be revealed, and all slesh shall see His only be"gotten." And may not St. John be supposed to refer to it, when he says, "We beheld His glory, the
"glory as of the only begotten of the Father," i. 14.
But, after all, I rather suspect that the Hebrew Copy,
which the Seventy used, had we, and not in. See
Isaiah, ch. lii. 10, where the same prophecy occurs.

No. VII.

Matth. iv. 4. Γέγραπζαι, Οὖκ ἐπ᾽ ἄρτῳ μόνῳ ζήσεζαι (a) ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ἀλλ᾽ ἐπὶ ϖαντὶ ξήματι ἐκπορευομένῳ διὰ σόμαζος Θεβ.

Luc. iv 4. Γέγεαπίαι, ὅτι ἐκ ἐπ' ἄρτω μόνω ζήσεται δ΄ ἄνθεωπος, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τσαντὶ ξήματι Θεξ.

Deut. viii. 3. "Οτι ἐκ ἐπ᾽ ἄρτω μόνω ζήσε]αι δὰνθρωπος, ἀλλ᾽ ἐπὶ ωανλὶ ξήμαλι ἐκπορευομένω διὰ τόμωλος Θεβ. Αλεχ. Vatic.

(a) So Cod. Ephrem. Cantab. Basil. Other copies, and the printed text, want the article. Philo retains it in one place, and omits it in another.

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Whether ἐμπορευομένω διὰ κόματος, as in four MSS. be added or not, the *sense* is exactly the same; which renders the Evangelists fully conformable to each other, and to the Septuagint version.

No. VIII.

Matth. iv. 6. Γέγραπαι, ότι τοῖς ἀΓγέλοις αὐτε ἐνλελεῖται
περὶ σε,—
καὶ ἐπὶ χειρων ἀρεσί σε, μήπολε προσκόψης

παι επι χειρων αρεσι σε, μηποιε προσκοψης πρός λίθον τον πόδα σε.

Luc. iv. 10,&c. Γέγραπλαι, ὅτι τοῖς ἀΓγέλοις αὐτε ἐντελεῖται περὶ σε, τε διαφυλάξαι σε.

Καὶ ὅτι ἐπὶ χειςῶν ἀςἔσί σε, μήποτε ωροσ-

Psal.xc. II, &c. Septuagint, ὅτι τοῖς ἀίγέλοις αὐτε ἐντελεῖται περὶ σε, τε διαφυλαξαί σε ἐν πάσαις
ταῖς ὁδοῖς σε.

Έπὶ χειςῶν ἀςεσί σε, μήποζε ωςοσκόψης ωςος λίθον τὸν ωςοδα σε. Αlex. Vatic.

It should seem, by their inserting uni, and uni ori, in this text, which render it a kind of double quotation, that the Evangelists meant to apprize the Reader that

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that they had omitted some words; for these are the marks by which they often connect distant texts together. But of this more hereaster.

No. IX.

Matth. iv. 7. Γέγραπλαι, Οὐκ ἐκπειράσεις Κύριον τον Θεόν σε. Luc. iv. 12. Εἴρηται, Οὐκ ἐκπειράσεις Κύριον τον Θεόν σε. Οὐκ ἐκπειράσεις Κύριον τον Θεόν σε. Αλεκ. Vatic.

The Hebrew reads plurally לא תנסו את־יהוה אלהיכם, Non tentabitis, &c. And fo the Samar. Targ. Onk. Syr. and Arab. versions. But the Vulgate, as the Septuagint, in the singular:

No. X.

Matth. iv. 10. Γέγραπλαι, Κύριον τον Θεόν σε ωροσκυνήσεις, καὶ αὐτῷ μόνῳ λατρεύσεις.

Luc. iv. 8. Γέγραπλαι, Πεοσκυνήσεις Κύριον τον Θεόν σε, καὶ αὐτῷ μόνῳ λατρεύσεις.

Deut. vi. 13. Κύςιον τὸν Θεόν σε σεροσκυνήσεις, καὶ αὐτῷ μόνω λατρεύσεις. Alex.

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N.B. The word אלבדי, answering to μόνω, is not to be found in the Hebrew, either here, or in chap. x. 20, where the same words occur.

No. XI.

Matth. iv. 15, &c. "Ινα ωληςωθή το ξηθέν — Γη Ζαβελών κε γη Νεφθαλείμ, όδον θαλάσσης, ωέςαντε είθνων. Ο λαος τε 'Ιορδάνε, Γαλιλαία των έθνων. Ο λαος ο καθήμενος έν σκότει είδε φως μέγα, κε τοις καθημένοις έν χώςα κε σκίτε, φως αλάτε, φως αλύτειλεν αὐτοις.

Isai. ix. I, 2.

(α) χώρα Ζαβελών, η γη Νεφθαλείμ, όδον Βαλάσσης — καὶ σέςαν τε Ἰορδάνε, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν — 'Ο λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότει (b) ίδετε φῶς μέγα οἱ κατοικέν]ες ἐν χώρα κὰ σκια Θανάτε φῶς (c) λάμψει ἐφ' ὑμᾶς.

Alex.

- (a) Χάρα] Symmachus γη Ζαβελων η γη Νεφθαλείμ, according to the Hebrew.
- (b) "Idele] Complut. elde. Heb. אד, בולסט, vel בולפ, Vulg. vidit.—N. B. It now appears, that the MS. I D 2,

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1 D 2, in the British Museum, reads here elder. And MS. 1 B 2, Ibid. together with MS. Nov. Coll. Oxon. has elde, which is the reading of Origen contra Cels. lib. vi. p. 278.

(c) Φῶς λάμψει ἐφ' ὑμᾶς] Heb. Της, i. e. φῶς ἔλαμψεν αὐτοῖς, vel ἐφ' αὐτες. The Vulgate has, habitantibus in regione umbræ mortis, lux orta est est. And so likewise the Chaldee paraphrase, in perfect conformity with the Evangelist.

Here then let it be remarked, once for all, that the quotations in the New Testament are, in several places, far more exact, and more expressive of the Hebrew, than their parallels are at present in the Septuagint Version. The quotation above, among many others, is an evident proof.

No. XII.

Matth. v. 21. Eggéln. Où povévosis. Exod. xx. 13. Où povévosis.

Alex. Vatic.

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No. XIII.

Matth. v. 27. Εξξέθη Οὐ μοιχεύσεις. Εχοά. Χχ. 14. Οὐ μοιχεύσεις.

Alex. Vatic.

No. XIV.

Matth. v. 33. Ἐξξέθη— Οὐκ ἐπιοςκήσεις (a). Αποδώσεις δὲ τῷ Κυρίω τες ὅρκες σε (b).

Exod.xx. 7. Οὐ λήψη τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίε τε Θεε σε ἐπὶ vel ματαίω.

Levit. xix. 12. Οὐκ ὀμεῖσθε τῷ ὀνόματί με ἐπ' ἀδίκω.

Alex.

Deut. xxiii. 23. Τὰ ἐκπορευόμενα διὰ τῶν χειλέων σε φυλάξη.

Alex. Vide Num. xxx. 3.

(a, b) The Jews often contracted the weightier precepts of the Law, that they might be the more easily remembered, into short forms or Proverbs. And our Saviour, speaking to the common people, seems to have expressed these, and some other precepts, in that form which they generally used, and best understood.

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That the phrase οὖκ ἐπιορκήσεις, means the same thing with οὖ λήψη τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίε τε Θεε σε ἐπὶ μαλαίω, is evident from τ Esdr. i. 48, where the Author, speaking of the rebellion of Zedekiah, says, καὶ ὀρκισθεὶς ἐν τῷ ὀνόμαλι Κυρίε—ἐπιορκήσας, ἀπέςη. If the Reader should think an apocryphal author no good interpreter of a canonical book, I would desire him to reslect, that there are many words and phrases used by the writers of the New Testament, which are to be found in no other part of the Greek Bible, but in the Apocrypha.

No. XV.

Matth. v. 38. Ἐξξέθη— Οφθαλμον αντὶ ὀφθαλμε, Καὶ ὀδόντα αντὶ ὀδόντος.

Exod. xxi. 24. οφθαλμον αντι όφθαλμε, δδόντα αντι όδόντος. Alex. Vatic.

No. XVI.

Matth. v. 43. Ἐξξέθη— Αγαπήσεις του ωλησίου σε, Καὶ μισήσεις του έχθρου σε.

Levit. xix. 18. 'Αγαπήσεις του ωλυσίου σε.

Pfal.

Pfal.cxxxviii. 2 I, &c, Οὐχί τὰς μισᾶν]άς σε, Κύριε, ἐμίσησας Τέλειον μῖσος ἐμίσεν αὐτὰς, Εἰς ἐχθρὰς ἐγένον]ό μοι.

Alex. Vatic.

Though the latter part of this quotation, viz. µισήσεις τον ἐχθεόν σε, does not occur in the Old Testament in express terms, yet it frequently occurs in
terms that were looked upon as equivalent. The
precept, relating to the Canaanitish nations, delivered
in Deut. vii. 2, the Jews extended to all other nations;
and upon that principle treated them with the utmost
hatred and disdain. Accordingly Tacitus, speaking
of the Jews, says, "Apud ipsos sides obstinata, mi"fericordia in promptu, sed adversus omnes alios ho"ftile odium." Hist. lib. v. sub initio. Vide porrà
Juvenal, Sat. XIV. v. 96—104.

No. XVII.

Matth. vii. 23. ᾿Αποχωρεῖτε ἀπ' ἐμε (c) οἱ ἐρίαζόμενοι την ἀνομίαν.

Luc. xiii. 27. Απόςητε ἀπ' ἐμε ωάντες οἱ ἐρίάται τῆς ἀδικίας (d).

Pfal.

- Απόςητε απ' έμε σαντες οι έριαζόμενοι Psal. vi. 8. rny avomian. Alex. Vatic.
- (c) Several copies have πάνζες οί, in Matthew, conformable to the Septuagint.
- (d) 'Aδικίας] 'Ανομίας Cod. Cantab. et Clemens Romanus, Ep. ii. ad Corinthios.

No. XVIII.

Matth. viii. 17. Όπως ωληρωθή το ξηθέν—— Αυτος τας ασθενέας ημών έλαβε, η τας νόσες εξάςασεν.

Ούτος τας αμαρτίας (α) ημών φέρει (b), κ Isai. liii. 4. το ερί ημων όδυναται (c). Alex. Vatic.

Αύτος τας άμαρτίας ημών ανέλαβε, η τες Symmachus. σούνες υπέμεινεν.

(a) Aμαθίας ἡμων MS. r D 2, Brit. Mus. reads here ασθενείας; and so does MS. I B 2, ibid. ex correctione: primo άμαξλίας. MS. Nov. Coll. Oxon. has μαλακίας. The Heb. is τίτη, i.e. νόσες, μαλακίας, wanyas, huw. But the Jews looked upon diseases and

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and bodily infirmities as punishments of fins: and therefore often expressed the former by the latter. Vide Targum in loc. 1 Pet. ii. 24.

- (b) Φέρει] Heb. κυί, i. e. ανήνεγκε, ανέλαβε, &c.
- (c) Kai wegi ἡμῶν ὀδυνᾶται.] Heb. מכלכו, i. e. et dolores nostros bajulavit eos. Ar. Montan. which shews how little attentive the Greek translators were to the letter of the text, so that they expressed the meaning of it.

No. XIX.

Matth. ix. 13. Μάθετε τί ἐςιν Ἐλεον(d) θέλω κὰ ἐ θυσίαν. Vide cap. xii. 7.

- (d) Exec, Cod. Ephrem. Cantab. &c.
- (e) Έλεον, MS. Pachom. Brit. Mus. 1 B 2.

These various readings are purposely inserted, as some confirmation of a sentiment I have long entertained,

tained, respecting our scriptural MSS. The state of the case, I conceive to have been often this, viz. that when a transcriber of the New Testament had a high notion of the Septuagint Version, he adjusted the quotation to that reading. And, on the contrary, when a transcriber of the Septuagint had a high veneration for the New Testament, he altered that version to the Evangelical reading. Many are the instances which seem to support this conclusion—some of which may hereaster occur.

No. XX.

- Matth. xi. 10. Γέζεαπλαι 'Ιδὰ, ἐγω ἀπος έλλω τον ἄζγελόν με ωξο ωξοσώπε σε, δς κατασκευάσει την όδόν σε έμπροσθέν σε.
- Mar. i. 2. Γέγραπλαι 1δε, έγω ἀπος έλλω τον ἄΓγελόν με ωρο ωροσώπε σε, δς κατασκευάσει την όδον σε έμπροσθέν σε.
- Luc. vii. 27. ΓέΓραπζαι Ἰδὰ, ἐγὼ ἀπος έλλω τὸν ἄΓγελόν με ωςὸ ωςοσώπε σε, ὸς κατασκευάσει την ὁδόν σε έμπροσθέν σε.
- Malac. iii. τ. 'Ιδε, ἐγῶ ἐξαπος έλλω τον ἄΓγελον με, καὶ ἐπιβλέψε]αι ὁδόν ωςο ωςοσώπε με.

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The present Hebrew and the Sept. Version are here conformable to each other; and both extremely different from the Evangelists. But there is great reason to suspect, that the Hebrew was first corrupted, and that the Greek was afterwards adjusted to it. And if we translate the Quotation into Hebrew, and then compare it with the present text, it will be easy to perceive how that corruption happened. The Evangelists seem to have read thus—קונה דרכך לפניך:

— which Tertullian has translated as follows: "Ecce ego mitto angelum meum ante faciem tuam (id est, Christi), qui præparabit viam tuam ante te." Adv. Judæos, § 9. Vide quoque Euseb. Dem. Evang. lib. ix. p. 430.

Consult here again the various readings in St. Mark's and St. Luke's Gospels, and it will readily appear, that several copies were purposely altered to the tenor of the *Hebrew* text or of the *Greek* version.

No. XXI.

Matth. xii. 18—21. Όπως ωληςωθή το έηθεν—'Ιδε ό ωαϊς με, δν ής έτισα' ό αγαπητός με, εἰς δν εὐδόκησεν

εὐδόκησεν ἡ ψυχή με θήσω τὸ ωνεϋμά με ἐπ' αὐτὸν, κὰ κείσιν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἀπαί-γελε. Οὐκ ἐςίσει, ἐδὲ κςαυγάσει, ἐδὲ ἀκέσει τις ἐν ταῖς ωλατείαις τὴν φωνὴν αὐτε Κάλαμον συντετςιμμένον ἐ κατεάζει, κὰ λῖνον τιφόμενον ἐ σβέσει εως ὰν ἐκβάλη εἰς νῖκος τὴν κρίσιν. Καὶ ἐν τῷ ὀνόμαὶι αὐτε ἔθνη ἐλπιεσι.

Isai. xlii. 1—4.

Ίακὰς ὁ ταῖς με, ἀντιλήψομαι αὐτε '
Ίσραηλ ὁ ἐκλεκίος με, περοσεδέζατο αὐτὸν ἡ ψυχή με 'ἐδωκα τὸ πνεῦμά με ἐπ' αὐτὸν, κρίσιν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἐξοίσει. Οὐ κεκράξεὶαι ἐδὲ ἀνήσει, ἐδὲ ἀκεσθήσεται ἔξω ἡ φωνη αὐτε. Κάλαμον τε θλασμένον ἐ συντρίψει, κ λίνον καπνιζόμενον ἐ σδέσει ἀλλὰ εἰς ἀλήθειαν ἐξοίσει χρίσιν. 'Αναλάμψει, κ ἐ θραυσθήσεὶ, εως ὰν θη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς κρίσιν, κ ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτε έθνη ἐλπιεσιν.

This passage of Isaiah affords us a plain proof that the Septuagint has been wilfully corrupted. For the insertion of the words 'Iaxwe and 'Iogana, of which F 2 there

there are no traces in the Hebrew, seems to have been made on purpose by the Jews, that the text might not be applied to the Messab, though the Targum on the place is express for it. The rest has been much altered, as appears from Justin Martyr, who quotes the text twice. Dial. cum Tryph. p. 360 and 389, ed. Jebb. and in both places differently.

Irenœus hanc Esaiæ prophetiam eodem tenore allegat quo S. Matthæus, cap. xii. 18, &c. Sed hodie aliter in LXX interpretum versione legitur; imo jam Irenæi ævo ea isto loco corrupta fuisse videtur. Grabe Not. 3. ad Iren. L. 3. adv. Hæreses, p. 220.

No. XXII.

Matth. xii. 40. ΄ Ωσπες γας ην Ἰωνας εν τη κοιλία τε κήτες τρες ημέςας η τρες νύκλας.

Jonæ ii. I. "Ην Ίωνᾶς ἐν τῆ κοιλία τε κήτες τρῶς ἡμέρας ἢ τρῶς νύκλας.

Alex. Vatic.

No. XXIII.

Matth. xiii. 14, 15. 'Αναπλης εται — ἡ ωςοφητάα 'Ησαίε— 'Ακοῆ ἀκέσεξε, κὰ ἐ μὴ συνῆτε' κὰ βλέποντες βλέψετε, κὰ ἐ μὴ ἴδητε. Ἐπαχύνθη
γὰς ἡ καςδία τε λαε τέτε, κὰ τοῖς ἀσὶ
βας έως ἡκεσαν, κὰ τες ὀφθαλμες αὐτῶν
ἐκάμμυσαν, μήποξε ἴδωσι τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς,
κὰ τοῖς ἀσὶν ἀκέσωσι, κὰ τῆ καςδία συνιῶσι,
κὰ ἐπις ρέψωσι, κὰ ἰάσωμαι αὐτές.

Marc. iv. 12.

τοις έξω εν τσαραβολαίς τὰ τσάντα γίνεται Ίνα βλέπονες βλέπωσι, η μη ίδωσι η άκεονες άκεωσι, η μη συνιᾶσι, μήποξε επις ρέψωσι, η άφεθη αὐτοίς τὰ άμαςτήματα.

Luc. viii. 10.

τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν σαραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέπονὶες μη βλέπωσι, κὰ ἀκέονὶες μη συνιωσιν.

Joh. xii. 40.

εἶπεν Ἡσαΐας Τετύφλωκεν αὐτῶν τὰς ὀφθαλμες, ἢ ϖεπώρωκεν αὐτῶν τὴν καςδίαν ἵνα μὴ ἴδωσι τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς, ἢ νοήσωσι τῆ καρδία, ἢ ἐπισραφῶσι, ἢ ἰάσωμαι αὐτές. Αετ. χχνιιί. 26, 27. Πνευμα τὸ άγιον ἐλάλησε διὰ Ἡσαίε—

Πορεύθη ι τρος τον λαον τέτον, η εἰπόν Ακοή ἀκέσε ε, η ἐ μη συνητε η βλέποντες βλέψε ε, η ἐ μη ἴδητε. Ἐπαχύνθη
γὰρ ἡ καρδία τε λαε τέτε, η τοῖς ἀσὶ
βαρέως ἤκεσαν, η τες ὀφθαλμες αὐτών
ἐκάμμυσαν μήπο ε ἴδωσι τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς,
η τοῖς ἀσὶν ἀκέσωσι, η τῆ καρδία συνώσι,
η ἐπις ρέψωσι, η ἰάσωμαι αὐτές.

Isai. vi, 9, 10.

Πορεύθητι, κὰ εἰπον τῷ λαῷ τέτῳ, ᾿Ακοῆ ἀκέσελε, κὰ ἐ μή συνῆτε κὰ βλέπονλες βλέψελε, κὰ ἐ μὴ ἴδητε. Ἐπαχύνθη γὰς ἡ καρδία τε λαε τέτε, κὰ τοῖς ἀσὶν αὐτῶν βαρέως ἡκεσαν, κὰ τες ἐφθαλκες ἐκάμμυσαν, μήποτε ἴδωσι τοῖς ὀφθαλκοῖς, κὰ τοῖς ἀσὶν ἀκέσωσι, κὰ τῆ καρδία συνῶσι, κὰ ἐπιςρέψωσι, κὰ ἰάσοκαι αὐτές (c).

Vatic.

Here the Evangelists, St. Matthew in his Gospel, and St. Luke in the Acts, follow the reading of the Septuagint version. The Heb. Vulg. Lat. and Iren. lib. iv. cap. 48, read imperatively—incrassa—obtura excæca. But the Hebrew verbs, with other pointings,

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ings, will readily become indicatives, as the Seventy took them to be. See the text accordingly pointed, and ably defended by the learned Cappellus, Crit. Sacr. Appendix, de Loc. parallelis V. et N. Test. § 47, P. 535.

(c) For καὶ ἰάσομαι αὐτες, St. Mark has given us, by way of explanation, καὶ ἀφεθῆ αὐτοῖς τὰ ἀμαρ[ήμα]α; and so likewise the Chaldee paraphrast and Syriac Interpreter.—Note here again, that the Evangelical word ἰάσωμαι is evidently the true reading; and yet no fewer than nine MSS. retain, in deference to the Septuagint, the faulty one, ἰάσομαι.

No. XXIV.

Matth. xiii. 35. "Οπως ωληρωθή τὸ ξηθεν— 'Ανοίξω ἐν ωαςα-Εολαῖς τὸ ςόμα με ἐςεύξομαι κεκςυμμένα ἀπὸ καταβολής κόσμε.

No. XXV.

Matth. xv. 4. Θεὸς ἔνετήλαῖο, λέγων Τίμα τον σατέςα σε, κὰ την μητέςα κὰ ὁ κακολογῶν σατέςα η μητέςα θανάτω τελευτάτω.

Ματς. vii. 10. Μωσῆς γὰς εἶπε· Τίμα τόν σατέςα σε, μὰ την μηθέςα σε κὰ ὁ κακολογῶν σαθέςα ἢ μητέςα θανάτω τελευτάτω.

Εχοd. xx. 12. Τίμα τον σατέρα σε, η την μητέρα σε. Vatic. Χχί. 17. δ κακολογών σατέρα

αὐτε η μητέρα αὐτε θανάτω τελευτάτω.

Alex.

No. XXVI.

Matth. xv. 8, 9. Προεφήτευσε — Ἡσαΐας, λέγων

ΕΓγίζει μοι ὁ λαὸς ἔτος τῷ ς ὁματι αὐτῶν, ἢ

τοῖς χέλεσί με τιμᾶ ἡ δὲ καρδία αὐτῶν

ϖόξξω ἀπέχει ἀπ' ἐμε. Μάτην δὲ σέβονταί

με, διδάσκοντες διδασκαλίας, ἐντάλματα
ἀνθρώπων.

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- Marc. vii. 6, 7. Προεφήτευσεν Ἡσαΐας ὡς γέγραπ]αι Οὖτος ὁ λαὸς τοῖς χάλεσί με τιμῷ ἡ δὲ καρδία αὐτῶν πόξξω ἀπέχει ἀπ΄ ἐμε. Μάτην δὲ σέβονταί με, διδάσκονλες διδασκαλίας, ἐντάλμα]α ἀνθρώπων.
- Isai. xxix. 13. ἘΓγίζει μοι ὁ λαὸς ἔτος [ἐν τῷ ςόμα]ι αὐτες, με ἐν] τοῖς χέλεσιν αὐτῶν τιμῶσι με ἡ δὲ καρδία αὐτῶν πόξξω ἀπέχει ἀπ΄ ἐμε. Μά-την δὲ σέβονταί με, διδάσκοντες ἐνταλματα ἀνθρώπων μ διδασκαλίας. Vatic.

έν τῷ ςόομα]ι αὐτε.] The MS. 1 B 2 and 1 D 2 Brit. Museum, as also MS. Nov. Coll. Oxon. read τῷ ςόμα]ι άν]ῶν without ἐν, exactly conformable to St. Matthew.

For ἀπέχει Clemens Romanus has twice ἄπεςιν. Epist. ad Corinth. I. § 15. II. § 3. And so Stevens' Copy, N. 7.

N.B. The words included in crotchets are wanting in the Alexandrian and Marchalian MSS. They are wanting in Justin. M. Dialog. cum Tryph. and in Clemens' Epistles before cited.

No. XXVII.

Matth. xviii. 16. ίνα ἐπὶ σόματος δύο μαζτύζων ἢ τζιῶν σαθῆ τοῦν ξῆμα.

Deut. xix. 15. ἐπὶ σόματος δύο μαςτύςων ἢ τςιῶν σαν ξήμα. Μ΄S. Οχοη.

And so the Targum of Onkelos, and the Latin Vulgate. The Alex. and Vatic. MSS. adhere closely to the Hebrew; only that they both exhibit the adjective way, answering to the Hebrew 53, which is not to be found in the present text.

No. XXVIII.

Matth. xix. 4, 5. Οὐκ ἀνέΓνω]ε, ὅτι ὁ ϖοιήσας ἀπ ἀςχῆς, ΄ Αρσεν ἢ Ͽῆλυ ἐποίησεν αὐτές; ἢ εἶπεν ΄ Ενεκεν τέτε καλαλέιψει ἄνθρωπος τὸν ϖα-τέρα ἢ την μητέρα, ἢ ϖροσκολληθήσεται τῆ γυναικὶ αὐτε, ἢ ἔσονται οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν.

Marc. x. 6, 8. 'Απὸ δὲ ἀρχῆς πλίσεως, ἄρσεν τὰ θῆλυ:
ἐποίησεν αὐτες ὁ Θεός. Ένεκεν τέτε καταλάψει.

ταλέιψει άνθρωπος τον σατέρα αύτε ή την μητέρα, η σροσκολληθήσεται σρός την γυναϊκα αύτε, κ έσονται οι δύο είς σάρκα μίαν. Vide Ephes. v. 31. Άρσεν η βηλυ έποίησεν αὐτές.

Gen. i. 27.

Alex. Vatic.

Ένεκεν τέτε καταλέιψει άνθεωπος τον ii. 24. ωατέρα αὐτε η την μητέρα αὐτε (b), η σροσκολληθήσεται τη γυναικί αὐτε (c), κ έσονται οι δύο(d) είς σάρκα μίαν.

Alex.

- (b) autël deest in Vatic. et Philone Judæo.
- (c) τη γυναικὶ αύτε] τρος την γυναϊκα αύτε. Vatic. et Philo.
- (d) The Hebrew word שניה: answering to of δύο, is not in the present text. But since it is extant in the Samaritan copy, and translated in all the ancient versions; there can be no doubt of its having been originally extant in the Hebrew text. How it came to be thence expunged, every man is furnished with a probable solution, who duly considers the opinion and practice of the later Jews, respecting the question

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here proposed, and the arguments brought against them from this very text. Vide I Cor. vi. 16.—vii. 2, &c.

No. XXIX.

Matth.xix.18,19. Ο δε Ἰησες εἶπε—Οὐ φονεύσεις Οὐ μοιχεύσεις Οὐ κλεψεις Οὐ ψευδομαςτυρήσεις Τίμα τὸν ωατέρα σε κ την μητέρα κ λ Αγαπήσεις τὸν ωλησίον σε δς σεαυτόν.

Ματο. π. 19. Τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας Μη μοιχεύσης Μη φονεύσης Μη κλέψης Μη ψευδομαςτυρήσης Μη ἀπος ερήσης (a) Τίμα τον
πατέρα σε η την μητέρα.

Luc. xviii. 20. Τὰς ἐντολὰς οἶδας° Μη μοιχεύσης Μη φονεύσης Μη κλέψης Μη ψευδομαςτυρήσης. Τίμα τον σατέρα σε κ την μητέρα σε.

Exod.xx.13—16. [#]Οὐ φονεύσεις Οὐ κλέψεις Οὐ

12. ψευδομαςτυςήσεις Τίμα του σατέςα σε η την μητέςα.
Αλιεχ.

Levit. xix. 18. Αγαπήσεις του ωλησίου σε ώς σεαυτόυ.

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*MS. Oxon.

Οὐ μοιχεύσεις. Οὐ φονεύσεις. Οὐ κλέψεις. κ. τ. λ. in the order of St. Mark and St. Luke.

Vatic.

Οὐ μοιχεύσεις. Οὐ κλέψεις. Οὐ φονεύ-

(a) The precept Mn ἀποςερήσης is wanting in several MSS. vide Mill. et Wetsten. in loc. Some think it was placed in the margin by a later hand, as a gloss on Mn κλέψης. But I should rather conclude from the additions he makes in other places—compare Mark vii. 21, 22, with Matth. xv. 19—that the Evangelist took this precept from Lev. xix. 13, and inserted it in the text himself, as a caution against a vice very common among the Romans and other Heathens.

No. XXX.

Matth. xxi. 5. Ἰνα ωληρωθή το ξηθεν — Εἴπα]ε τη θυίατρί Σιών Ἰδὰ ὁ βασιλεύς σε ἔξχε]αί σοι ωραὺς, κὰ ἐπιδεθηκῶς ἐπὶ ὄνον, κὰ ωῶλον ὑιὸν ὑποζυγία.

Johan. xii. 15. Καθώς ές ε γείζαμμένου. Μη Φοδέ, θύίατες

Σιών Ἰδε δ βασιλεύς σε έςχε αι, καθήμενος έπὶ σωλον όνε.

Zachar. ix. 9.

Χαΐςε σφόδςα θύδατες Σιών 168 δ βασιλεύς σε έςχεταί σοι — σεςαθς, η επιθεθημώς έπὶ υποζύδιον η σώλον νέον (α). Alex.

(a) ששׁאסי יצֹסי is a mistake of the transcriber for ששׁאסי אָצ. See Justin Martyr's Dialog. with Trypho, p. 155, ed. Jebb. Symmachus has ששׁאסי טֿוסׁי סֿימֹלסֹכ ; and Theodotion ששׁאסי טֿוסֿי סֿיצ. Whence it appears, that the Hebrew בן־ארונות, filium afinarum, is not right. The original reading, I am convinced, was הלי און, לווא הלי אים, בר ארון, בר ארון הוויש האון אים, טֿוסֿי סֿיצ. The texts that are usually brought, in support of the phraseology here used, stand in need of equal correction, e.g. it is said Judg. xii. 7, "that Jephthah "was buried, Heb. בערי, in the cities of Gilead:" whereas the true reading is, "in his own city of "Gilead." See the Septuagint and Vulgate versions.

No. XXXI.

Matth. xxi. 13. Γέγεαπλαι Ο οἶκός με, οἶκος σεροσευχης κληθήσεται ύμες δε κ. λ. (a).

Marc.

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Marc. xi. 17. Οὐ γέγραπλαι, "Οτι ὁ οἶκός με, οἶκος ωροσευχης κληθήσεται ωᾶσι τοῖς ἔθνεσιν; ὑμεῖς δὲ κ. λ.

Luc. xix. 46. Γέγεαπλαι Ο σίκος με, οίκος τεροσευχης έςιν ύμεις δε κ. λ.

Isai. lvi, 7. Ο γας οἶκός με, οἶκος ωςοσευχης κληθήσεται ωᾶσι τοῖς ἔθνεσιν. Alex. Vatic.

(a) The remainder of these verses, which contains our Saviour's reproof, refers to Jer. vii. 11, Μη σπήλαιον λης ων δ οἶκός με; where the Jews might have read their doom, and foreseen the destruction of that house in which they vainly gioried. Ibid. ver. 14, 15.

No. XXXII.

Matth. xxi. 16. Οὐδέπο]ε ἀνέΓνωτε, ὅτι ἐκ σόμα]ος νηπίων κζ θηλαζόντων κατηρτίσω αΐνον;

Psal. viii. 3. Επ σόματος νηπίων η Θηλαζόντων πατηρτίσω αξιον(a).

Alex Vatic.

(a) Heb. by sæpe fortitudo. Sed by vel my Arab. est honor, laus, gloria.

No. XXXIII.

- Matth. xxi. 42. Οὐδέπο]ε ἀνέΓνω]ε Λίθον δν ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομεν]ες, ετος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλην γωνίας το τος τος ἀγένε]ο αιτη, κὶ έςι θαυμας κας ἐν ἐγένε]ο αιτη, κὶ έςι θαυμας ἐν ἐφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν;
- Marc.xii.10,11.Ουδε ἀνέΓνω]ε Λίθον δν ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομεν]ες, επος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλὴν γωνίας τα αρὰ Κυρίε ἐγένε]ο αὕτη, μ'έςι θαυμαςὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν;
- Luc. xx. 17. Τί--τὸ γείζαμμένον--Λίθον δυ ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομεθνες, ετος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλην γωνίας; Confer. Act. iv. 11.
- Pfal.cxvii.22,23. Septuagint. Λίθον δυ ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομεν]ες, ετος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλην γωνίας παρὰ Κυρίε ἐγένε]ο αὕτη, ἢ έςι θαυμαςη ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν. Alex. Vatic.

No. XXXIV.

Matth.xxii.24. Μωσής εἶπεν Ἐάν τις ἀποθάνη μη ἔχων τέκνα, ἐπιγαμβρεύσει ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτε την γυναῖκα αὐτε, κὰ ἀναςήσει σπέρμα τῷ ἀδελφος αὐτε.

Marc.

Marc. xii. 19. Μωσῆς ἔγραψεν — Ὁτι ἐάν τινος ἀδελφὸς ἀποθάνη, ἢ καταλίπη γυναϊκα, ἢ τέκνα μη ἀφη, ἵνα λάβη ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτε την γυναϊκα αὐτε, ἢ ἐξανας ήση σπέρμα τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτε.

Luc. xx. 28. Μωσῆς ἔγραψεν— Ἐάν τινος ἀδελφὸς ἀποθάνη ἔχων γυναῖκα, ἢ ἕτος ἄτεκνος ἀποθάνη, ἵνα λάβη ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτε την γυναῖκα, ἢ ἔξανας ήση σπέρμα τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτε.

Τουτ. xxv. 5,6.

Των δε κατοικώσιν αδελφοὶ ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ, ἢ ἀποθάνη εῖς ἐξ αὐτῶν, σπέρμα δε μη ἢ αὐτῷ, ἐκ ἔςαι ἡ γυνη τῶ τετελευτηκότος ἔξω ἀνδρὶ μη ἐΓγίζοντι ὁ ἀδελφὸς τῶ ἀνδρός αὐτῆς εἰσελεύσεται ωρὸς αὐτην, ἢ λήψεται αὐτην ἑαυτῷ γυναϊκα, ἢ συνοικήσει αὐτῆ. Καὶ ἔςαι τὸ ωαιδίον ὁ ἀν τεχθῆ, καταςαθήσεται ἐκ τῶ ὀνόμαρος [τῶ ἀδελφῶ αὐτῶ] τῶ τε]ελευ]ηκότος, ἢ ἐκ ἐξαλειφθήσε]αι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῶ ἐξ Ἰσεραήλ.

Αλεχ.

We have here a fignal specimen of the manner of quoting Scripture, as practised by the Jews. And from this specimen it plainly appears, that they thought

thought it sufficient to express the sense and substance of the text, without confining themselves to the strict words and phraseology of it. The same mode the Evangelists might also have freely adopted: but it is evident, however, on inspection, that they used this freedom very sparingly.

No. XXXV.

- Matth. xxii. 32. Οὐκ ἀνέΓνω]ε τὸ ξηθέν—
 Έγώ εἰμι ὁ Θεὸς ᾿Αβραὰμ, κὰ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰσαὰκ,
 κὰ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰακωβ;—
- Marc. xii. 26. Οὐκ ἀνέΓνωῖε ἐν τῆ βίβλω Μωσέως—
 Έγώ—, ὁ Θεὸς ᾿Αβραὰμ, κὰ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰσαὰκ,
 κὰ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰακῶβ;—
- Luc. xx. 37. Μωσῆς λέγει Κύριον, τον Θεον 'Αβρααμ, κ τον Θεον Ίσαακ, κ τον Θεον Ίακωβ.
- Αct. vii. 32. Ἐγώ ὁ Θεὸς τῶν τῶν τῶν σε, ὁ Θεὸς ᾿Αξραὰμ, κὰ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰακῶς.
- Exod. iii. 6. Ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ Θεὸς τễ ϖατρός σε (a), ὁ Θεὸς ᾿Αβραὰμ, ἢ Θεὸς Ἰσαὰκ, ἢ Θεὸς Ἰακῶβ. Vide ver. 16. Alex. Vatic.
- (a) Të שמדפָסֹכ סצ, conformable to the present Hebrew אביך. But the Samaritan text reads אביך, דων שמוֹנִים, שמוֹנִים שמוּנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנִים שמוֹנים שמוֹנים שמוּנים שמוֹנים שמוֹנים שמוּנים שמוֹנים שמוּנים שמוּנים שמוּנים שמוּנים שמוֹנים שמוּנים ש

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σατέρων σε, agreeable to the Evangelist. So does Just. Mart. Apol. ii. et Dialog. cum Tryph.

No. XXXVI.

Matth.xxii. 37,38. Αὖτη ἐςὶ ϖρώτη—ἐντολή ᾿Αγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σε ἐν ὅλη τῆ καρδία σε, ἢ ἐν ὅλη τῆ διανοία σε.

39. Δευτέςα δε — Αγαπήσεις του ωλησίου σε ως σεαυτόν.

Marc. xii. 29, 30. Πεώτη σασῶν τῶν ἐντολῶν ᾿Ακες, Ἰσεκὶς κύριος, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, Κύριος εῖς
ἐςὶς κὰ— ᾿Αγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν
σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σε, κὰ ἐξ ὅλης
τῆς ψυχῆς σε, κὰ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας
σε, κὰ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σε.

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Luc. x. 27. Πῶς ἀναΓινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ — εἶπεν ᾿Αγαπήσεις Κύριον τον Θεόν σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς
καρδίας σε, κὰ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σε,
κὰ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σε, κὰ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς
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διανοίας σε--Καὶ τὸν ωλησίον σε ώς σεαυτόν.

Levit. xix. 18. Αγαπήσεις του ωλησίου σε ώς σεαυζόυ... Alex: Vatic.

- (a) της καςδίας σε] της διανοίας σε. Vatic. And so is translated in many places. See Levit. xix. 17, Deut. vii. 17, &c.
- (b) τῆς δυνάμεώς σε] τῆς ἰσχύος σε. MS. Oxon. as is rendered in 2 Kings xxiii. 25, where all the terms of this commandment occur, and the commandment itself is said to be fulfilled.

No. XXXVII.

Matth. xxii. 44. Πῶς ἔν Δαδιδ — Κυριον αὐτὸν καλᾶ; Εἶπεν ὁ Κυριος τῷ Κυρίῳ με, Κάθε ἐκ δεξιῶν με, ἔως ἀν Ξῶ τὰς ἐχθρές σε ὑπο-πόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σε.

Marc.

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Marc. xii. 36. Δαβίδ εἶπεν ἐν τῷ Πνεύματι— Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ με, Κάθε ἐκ δεξιῶν με, ἔως ἀν θῶ τὰς ἐχθρές σε ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σε.

Luc. xx. 42, 43. Δαδίδ λέγει ἐν βίδλω ψαλμῶν Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίω με, Κάθε ἐκ δεξιῶν με, ἔως ἀν θῶ τὰς ἐχθρές σε ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σε.

Αct. ii. 34. Λέγει δὲ αὐτὸς (Δαβὶδ) Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ με, Κάθε ἐκ δεξιῶν με, ἔως ἀν θῶ τὰς ἐχθρές σε ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποοδῶν σε.

Psal. cix. r. Sept. Είπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίω με, Κάθε ἐκ δεξιῶν με, ἔως ἀν θῶ τες ἐχθρές σε ὑποπόδιον τῶν σοδῶν σε.

Alex. Vatic.

No. XXXVIII.

Matth. xxiv. 15. Όταν εν ίδητε το βδέλυ μα της έςημώσεως — έςως έν τόπω άγίω.

Marc. xiii. 14. Όταν δὲ ἴδητε τὸ βδέλυΓμα τῆς ἐξημώσεως
— ἑςως ὅπε ἐ δᾶ.

Dan. ix, 27. Επὶ τὸν(a) ἱερὸν βδέλυΓμα τῶν ἐρημώσεων ἔςαι.

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(a) τὸ ἰερὸν, Vatican: and so likewise the noted Chissian MS. In this latter MS, the quotation runs thus— Επὶ τὸ ἱερὸν βδέλυγμα τῆς ἐςημώσεως ἔςαι.

No. XXXIX.

Matth. xxvi. 31. Γέγεαπλαι γας Πατάξω τον σοιμένα, η διασκοςπισθήσελαι τὰ σεόβαλα της σοίμνης. Ματα. xiv. 27. Ότι γέγεαπλαι Πατάξω τον σοιμένα, η

διασκορπισθήσε αι τὰ το ρόβα α (b).

Zachar. xiii. 7. Πάταξον (c) τον σοιμένα, κ) διασκοςπισθήσον αι τὰ σεό βαλα της σοίμνης. Αlex.

- (b) ωρόβαλα της ωσίμνης. Codd. Basil, Boreel, Cypr. &c.
- (c) Πάταξον, agreeable to the present. Hebrew אד. But the context, and the analogy of grammar, seem to require that it should be either אך, or, conformably to the following verb, הכיתוי, שמאלש. And it is certain, that the Author of the Arabic version found it so in his copy; for he translates in the future—percutiam pastorem.

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N. B. MStus n. 4. Bibliothecæ Sancti Marci Venetiis; et MS. n. 4. Bibl. San. Germanensis, uterque habet παλάξω τὸν ποιμένα. Sic. et S. Barnabas, Epist. § 5.

No. XL.

Matth. xxvii. 9, 10. Τότε έπληςώθη το ξηθέν—

Καὶ ἐλαβον τὰ τριάκονλα ἀρίθρια, τὴν τιμὴν τῶ τετιμημένε, ὸν ἐτιμήσαντο ἀπὸ
ὑιῶν Ἰσραηλ. Καὶ ἔδωκαν αὑτὰ εἰς τὸν
ἀγρὸν τῶ κεραμέως, καθὰ συνέταξέ μοι
Κύριος.

Zachar. xi. 13.

Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος ωρὸς μὲ Κάθες αὐτὰς εἰς τὸ χωνευτήριον, η σκέψαι αὐτὸ εἰ δόκιμόν ἐςιν, ὃν τρόπον ἐδοκιμάσθην ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἑλαβον τὰς τριάκοντα ἀρίυρες,
η ἐνέβαλον αὐτὰς εἰς οἶκον Κυρία εἰς τὸ
χωνευτήριον.

Αλεχ.

Great as the difference is between these passages, the fault does not lie with the Evangelist.

The Hebrew text is incorrect; and, as it now stands, is ill translated. The version is that of Sym
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machus, and not the Seventy's. See, An Enquiry into the present State of the Septuagint Version, p. 57, &c.

In that Treatise, I conjectured with regard to the Hebrew, that the genuine reading must have stood thus—: אחו אליך אתו אל בית היוצר כאשר צוני יהוה which is now confirmed in the main by some of the most valuable of Dr. Kennicott's MS. copies. With this corrected Hebrew St. Matthew's Greek persectly agrees; if we only take צֹאמלסי for the first person singular, and read צׁלשאם for צׁלשאם, on the authority of one MS. and the Syriac version, and on its congruity with the original prophecy. See Mede's Works, p. 786.

No. XLI.

Matth. xxvii. 35. Ίνα σληςωθή το ξηθέν---

Διεμερίσαν ο τὰ ἱμάτιά με ἐαυτοῖς, κὰ ἐπῖ τὸν ἱματισμόν με ἐλαβον κληρον.

Johan. xix. 24. Ίνα ή γεαφή ωληεωθή—

Διεμερίσαν ο τα ιμάτιά με ξαυδοίς, η ξπί τον ιματισμόν με ξθαλον κληρον. Vide Marc. xv. 24.

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Pfal. xxi. 19. Διεμερίσαν ο τὰ ἱμάτια με ἐαυτοῖς, ἢ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν με ἔβαλον κλῆρον.

Alex. Vatic.

No. XLII.

Ματς. χν. 28. Ἐπληςώθη ἡ γςαφὴ ἡ λέγεσα.
Καὶ μετὰ ἀνόμων ἐλογίσθη.

Luc. χχὶὶ. 37. Τὸ γεςςαμμένον δει τελεσθῆναι—
Καὶ μετὰ ἀνόμων ἐλογίσθη.

Ιταί. ἱιἰὶ. τ 2. Καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἀνόμοις ἐλογίσθη.

Αlex. Vatic.

No. XLIII.

Matth.xxvii.46. Λέγων — Θεέ με, Θεέ με, ἐνατί με ἐΓκατέλιπες; —
 Marc. xv. 34. Λέγων — Ὁ Θεός με, ὁ Θεός με, εἰς τί με ἐΓκατέλιπες; —
 Pſal.xxi. 2. Sept. Ὁ Θεός με, ὁ Θεός με, ΄ Αλεχ.

I consider these words, not so much in the light of a prayer, though they bear that form, but rather I meant

meant as a reference to the xxiid Psalm, which our Lord thereby applied to himself; several passages whereof the Jews might have observed to be then literally accomplished in the very things they saw him fuffer. My chief reason for affuming the words so particularly as a reference, is to obviate an objection that has often been urged in my hearing, viz. "that "our Saviour thus praying (and, according to these "Evangelists, it was his last prayer), seems to have "quitted life in a querulous, desponding temper *." My answer to this was always as above, and always allowed to be valid, especially when it was added, that no person ever resigned his life with so much calmness and resignation, as appears from his truly last ejaculation—" Father! into thy hands I commend "my spirit." Luke xxiii. 46.

No. XLIV.

Luc. ii. 23. Καθως γέγεαπλαι— Ότι τοᾶν άεσεν διανοίγον μήτεαν, άγιον τῷ Κυείω κληθήσελαι.

^{*} This objection originated with the Jews. "Oggannium hic Ju-"dæi," says Huetius, "hominem apud Deum miserias suas ita con-"querentem, Deum non esse," Dem. Evang. p. 624. Exod.

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Exod. xiii. 12. ²Αφοριὰς σᾶν διανοῖγον μήτραν, τα ἀρσενικὰ ἀγιάσεις τῷ Κυρίω. Vid. ver. 2. *Alex*.

No. XLV.

Luc. ii. 24. Κατὰ τὸ εἰρημένον ἐν νόμω— ζεῦγος τρυγόνων, ἢ δύο νεοσσες ωεριςερῶν. Lev. xii. 8. Δύο τρυγόνας, ἢ δύο νεοσσες ωεριςερῶν. Alex.

No. XLVI.

Luc. iv. 18, 19. Εὖςε τὸν τόπον ε΄ ἦν γεγραμμένον Πνεῦμα Κυρίε ἐπ' ἐμε, ε΄ ἔνεκεν ἔχρισέ με εὐαΓγελίσασθαι (a) ωθωχοῖς ἀπέςαλκέ με ἐάσασθαι τες συντετριμμένες την καρδίαν κηρύξαι αἰχμαλώτοις ἄφεσιν, κὰ τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν ἀποςελαι τεθραυσμένες ἐν ἀφέροι (b) κηρύξαι ἐνιαυτὸν Κυρίε δεκθόν.

Ifai. lxi. 1, 2. Πνεῦμα Κυρίε ἐπ' ἐμὲ είνεκεν έχρισέ με εὐαΓγελίσασθαι (α) ωθωχοῖς ἀπεςαλκέ με ἰάσασθαι τὰς συντετριμμένες την καρδίαν Ι 2

κηρύζαι αἰχμαλώτοις ἄφεσιν, ἢ τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν καλέσαι ἐνιαυλον(c) Κυρία δέκτον.

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- (a) N. B. MS. N. Coll. reads έχρισε με ΚΥΡΙΟΣ εὐαΓγελίσασθαι ωλωχοῖς, agreeably to the Hebrew πιπ.
- (c) καλέσαι ἐνιαυλον, Heb. κηρύ, rendered just before κηρύξαι, as it ought to have been here again.

No. XLVII.

Luc. xxiii. 46. Πάτες, εἰς χᾶράς σε σαραθήσομαι τὸ σνεῦμά με.

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Psal.xxx.6.Sept. Εἰς χειζάς σε σαζαθήσομαι τὸ Αλεχ. Vatic.

No. XLVIII.

Johan. ii. 17. Γεςαμμένον εςίν Ο ζήλος τε οίκε σε καζέφαγέ (a) με.

Psal. lxix. 10. Ο ζηλος τε οίκε σε κα]έφαγέ με.
Αλικ. Vatic.

(a) Several MSS. read καταφάγελαι; others, with the common editions, read κατέφαιε, conformably to the Septuagint.

No. XLIX.

Johan. vi. 31. "Εςι γείραμμένον" Αςτον έκ τε έςανε έδωκεν αὐτοῖς φαγείν.

Psal. lxxvii. 24. Sept. Έβρεξεν αὐτοῖς μάννα φαγείν, ἢ ἄρvel τον ἐρανε έδωκεν αὐτοῖς. Alex. V atic.

Exod. xvi. 15. Οὖτος ὁ ἄρτος, δν ἔδωκε Κύριος ὑμῖν Φαγείν. Conf. v. 4.

Alex. Vatic.

Be it here observed, that this is a quotation made by the Jews; and made, it must be allowed, fair enough enough with respect to the sense, but far from being literal. Nay, it is apparent, that they joined two texts together, viz. Exod. xvi. 4 and 15 (as the Psalmist did before them), to make it speak out the sense it does. I trust then that we shall hear no more of any complaints against the Evangelists for proceeding in the same manner, and connecting Texts that lie asunder, but relate to the same thing.

No. L.

Johan. vi. 45. Εςι γείζαμμένον—Καὶ ἔσονλαι πάνλες διδακλοὶ τε Θεε.

Isai. liv. 13. Kai wávlag têg viếg $\sigma \hat{\mathbf{g}}$ Alex. V atic.

No. LI.

Johan. viii. 17. Γέγεαπλαι "Οτι δύο ανθεώπων ή μαετυεία άληθής ές ιν.

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N.B. St. John seldom quotes Scripture in express terms, though he often refers to it by short equivalent sentences. When he wrote, the harmony between the Old and New Testament was so well understood, and acknowledged, that, generally speaking, he had no occasion but only to hint or intimate it.

No. LII.

Johan. x. 34. Έςι γείζαμμένον— Έγω εἶπα, θεοί ἐςε. Pfal. lxxxi. 6. Έγω εἶπα, θεοί ἐςε. Alex. Vatic.

No. LIII.

Johan. xii. 38. Ίνα ὁ λόγος Ἡσαΐε — ωληςωθη —
Κύριε, τίς ἐπίς ευσε τη ἀκοη ἡμῶν; καὶ ὁ βραχίων Κυρίε τίνι ἀπεκαλύφθη; Vide Rom. x. 16.

Isai. liii. τ. Κύριε, τίς ἐπίς ευσε τη ἀκοη ήμῶν; καὶ δ βραχίων Κυρία τίνι ἀπεκαλύφθη; Vatic.

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No. LIV.

Johan. xiii. 18. Ίνα ή γραφη ωληςωθη. Ὁ τρώγων μετ τον άρον, ἐπῆρεν ἐπ΄ ἐμὲ την ωθέρναν αυτες.

Pfal. xl. 9.

ἐμεγάλυνεν ἐπ΄ ἐμὲ ωθερνισμόν.

Alex. Vatic.

No. LV.

Johan. xv. 25. Ίνα το ληςωθη ὁ λόγος ὁ γείςαμμένος.

"Οτι ἐμίσησάν με δωςεάν.

Pfal. xxxiv. 19. Sept. Οἱ μισεντές με δωςεάν.

vel lxviii. 4.

No. LVI.

Johan. xix. 28. Ίνα τελειωθή ή γραφή, λέγει Διψώ. Pfal. lxviii. 21. Sept. Εἰς τῆν δίψαν με ἐπότισάν με όζος. Alex. Vatic.

Here is a reference made to a prophecy of the Psalmist by one *single* word: which word it does not contain

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contain, otherwise than by implication. And yet never was any prophecy more literally and more completely suffilled than this, as plainly appears from the joint testimony of all the Evangelists. Such a mode of quotation, though significant enough, I do not remember to have observed elsewhere. But the context explains and confirms it.

No. LVII.

Johan. xix. 36. Ίνα ή γεαφή ωληςωθή— Ος εν ε συντειδήσεται αὐτε.

Num. ix. 12. 'Ος εν ε συντρίψεται απ' αυτε.

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Alex.

Psal.xxxiii.21.Sept.Φυλάσσει Κύριος σκάνλα τὰ ὀςᾶ αὐτε (a).
Εν εξαὐτῶν ε συντριβήσελαι. Alex.

(a) I have taken the liberty, though not countenanced at present by any MSS, to insert מטֹדמּ instead of מטֹדמּט in the Septuagint version, on purpose to render it conformable to the Hebrew. For that reads עצמותיו, סֹבּמֹ מטֹיִם: and refers the whole to דורים, the fust-One, i. e. the Messiah, in the preceding verse.—

N. B. The Chaldee paraphrase and Syriac version follows

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follow exactly the same construction. Vide plura apud Kennicott. Dissert. General. § 65.

No. LVIII.

Johan. xix. 37. Γεαφή λέγει "Οψονίαι εἰς δυ ἐξεκέντησαν.
vide Apoc. i. 7.

Zach. xii. 10. Ἐπιβλέψον]αι ωρὸς (a) με, ἀνθ' ὧν κατωςχήσαν]ο (b). Αλεκ. V atic.

Τheodot. Ἐπιβλέψον]αι ωρὸς (a) με δν ἐξεκέν]ησαν (b).

- (a) חַפְסֹב שְבּ.] The Seventy and Theodotion read אלי, as it now stands in the printed Hebrew text. But the context manifestly requires it to be אליי, in conformity with אליי, which occurs twice in this verse. Accordingly, above 50 MSS. are now to be found which read here אליי, ad illum, exactly agreeable to the Evangelist.
- (b) Κατωρχήσανλο, ἐξεκένλησαν.] It should seem by these different versions, that the translators read differently. The Seventy רקרו, as one MS. (No. 355. K.) does now: but Aquila, Symmachus, and Theodotion, רקרו, as all the other MSS. read at present.

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Not but that I think the Septuagint translation was right at first. For Cod. Barb. has ele du Exemérlnoau. And so MS. I B 2, Br. Mus. Laud. K. 96, et Coll. Nov. Oxon. To which may be added the citations extant in the Greek Fathers. Vid. Ignat. Ep. ad Trall. § 10, Just. Mart. Dialog. et Apolog. 2.

No. LIX.

ΑΕτ. i. 20: Γέγραπλαι — Γενηθήτο ἡ ἔπαυλις αὐτε έρημος, κὰ μὴ εςω ὁ κατοικῶν ἐν αὐτῆ Καὶ—
τὴν ἐπισκοπὴν αὐτε λάβοι ἔτερος.

Psal. lxviii. 25. Sept. Γενηθήτο ή ἔπαυλις αὐτῶν ἡςημωμένη, ἢ ἐν τοῖς σκηνώμασιν αὐτῶν μη ἔςω.
ὁ κατοικῶν. Καὶ—

Psal. cviii. 8. Sept. την ἐπισκοπην αὐτε λάβοι ἔτερος.

Alex. Vatic.

'H ἔπαυλις αὐτῶ, κ. λ.] If this be the true reading (for five MSS. have αὐτῶν), then St. Peter applied to Judas in particular what the Hebrew and Greek predicate of David's (i.e. the Messah's) enemies in general; which greatly alters the sense. And yet, if we adopt αὐτῶν, how will the text apply then, in any K.2 expressive

expressive form or degree, to the single person of Judas Iscariot?—There is in this quotation, it must be acknowledged, some difficulty. And this difficulty I know not how otherwise to solve, than by observing, that Judas is not here specified as the only traitor, though the chief and most infamous; but as "the guide of them that took Jesus," v. 16. They therefore, plurally, were all concerned and involved in the prophecy. And as the prophecy was now singularly suffilled in Judas, the head; so, with reference to its plural construction, it was a plain presage, that the rest, the body of the Jews, would surely meet with the like sate—which they wosully experienced not long after.

No. LX.

Αct.ii. 17—21. Τετό εςι τὸ εἰρημένον— Καὶ ἔςαι ἐν ταῖς ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις (λέγει ὁ Θεὸς) ἐκχεῷ ἀπὸ τε ϖνεύματός με ἐπὶ ϖᾶσαν σάρκα. Καὶ ϖροφητεύσεσιν οἱ ὑιοὶ ὑμῶν, ἢ αἱ θυ[α] έρες ὑμῶν ἢ οἱ νεανίσκοι ὑμῶν ὁράσεις ὄψον]αι, ἢ οἱ ϖρεσδύτεροι ὑμῶν ἐνύπνια ἐνυπνιασθή-σον]αι. Καί γε ἐπὶ τες δέλες με ἢ ἐπὶ τὰς δέ-

λας με έν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκώναις ἐκχεῶ ἀπὸ
τε τονεύματός με, ἢ τοροφητεύσεσι. Καὶ
δώσω τέραλα ἐν τῷ ἐρανῷ ἄνω, ἢ σημεία ἐπὶ
τῆς γῆς κάτω, αξίμα ἢ τοῦς ἢ ἀτμίδα καπνε.
Ο ἡλιος μετας ραφήσελαι εἰς σκότος, ἢ ἡ σελήνη εἰς αξίμα, τὸ ἐλθεν τὴν ἡμέραν Κυρίε τὴν μεγάλην ἢ ἐπιφανῆ. Καὶ ἔςαι, πᾶς δς ὰν ἐπικαλέσηλαι τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίε, σωθήσελαι.

Joel. ii. 28-32. Sept.

Καὶ ἔςαι μετα ταῦτα,

iii. 1—5. Heb. ἐκχέω ἀπὸ τε σνεύματός με ἐπὶ σασαν σάρκα. Καὶ σροφητεύσεσιν οἱ ὑιοὶ ὑμῶν, κὰ αἱ θυ αθέρες ὑμῶν κὰ οἱ σρεσθύτεἐροι ὑμῶν ἐνυπνίοις (a) ἐνυπνιασθήσον αι, κὰ οἱ νεανίσκοι ὑμῶν ὁράσεις ὁψον αι. Καί γε ἐπὶ τὰς δέλας με ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκέναις ἐκχεῶ ἀπὸ τε σνεύματος με. Καὶ δώσω τέρα αὰ ἐν τῷ ἐρανῷ (b), κὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς αἷμα κὰ σῦρ κὰ ἀτμίδα καπνε. Ὁ ἤλιος μετας ραφήσε αι εἰς σκότος, κὰ ἡ σελήνη εἰς αἷμα, σρὶν ἐλθεν τὴν ἡμέραν Κυρίε τὴν μεγάλην κὰ ἐπιφανῆ. Καὶ ἔςαι, σᾶς ὸς ἀν ἐπικαλέση αι τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίε, σωθήσε αι.

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The Greek version is exactly conformable to the present Hebrew. But it should seem from the Evangelist, that the word אובאו, answering to א ωροφητεύσεσι, has been dropped at the end of the second verse. And it is evident that the Arabic translator read, ver. 3, ואותות בארץ, et signa super terram.

- (a) ἐνύπνια, Vatic. as the Evangelist.
- (b) ἐρανῷ ἄνω, ἢ σημῶα, MS. Barb. et post γῆς notat inserendum κάτω, quomodo et Cyr. Whence it should seem that they read מבארץ מתחת and בשמים and בארץ מתחת. Accordingly, N. B. MS. Pachom. Br. Mus. I B 2 reads ἐν ἐρανῷ ἄνω, ἢ σημῶα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς κάτω, αἷμα, κ. τ. λ. inspersect conformity with the Evangelical quotation.

No. LXI.

Αct, ii. 25—28. Δαδίδ γὰς λέγει—Προωςώμην τον Κύςιον ενώπιον με διὰ σαντος, ὅτι ἐκ δεξιῶν με ἐς ὶν, ἵνα μὴ σαλευθῶ. Διὰ τἕτο εὐφράνθη ἡ καρδία με, ἢ ἦγαλλιάσαλο ἡ γλῶσσά με (a) ἔτι δὲ ἢ ἡ σάςξ με κατασκηνώσει ἐπ ἐλπίδι. ΤΟτι ἐκ ἐΓκαταλείψεις τὴν ψυχήν με εἰς ἄδε, ἐδὲ.

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έδε δώσεις τον όσιον σε (b) ίδειν διαφθοράν° Είνωρισάς μοι όδες ζωής ωληρώσεις με εὐ-φροσύνης μετά τε ωροσώπε σε.

Pfal. xv. 8—11. Sept.

Προωρώμην τον Κύριον ενώπιον με δια σαντος, ότι εκ δεξιών με ες ίν, ίνα μη σαλευθώ. Δια τετο εὐφράνθη ή καρδία με, κ ηγαλλιάσαλο ή γλώσσά με έτι δε κ ή σάρξ με κατασκηνώσει επ ελπίδι. "Οτι εκ είκαταλείψεις την ψυχήν με είς άδε, εδε δώσεις τον όσιον σε ίδεν διαφθοράν. Έίνωρισάς μοι όδες ζωής σληρώσεις με εὐφροσύνης μετα τε σροσώπε σε.

Alex. Vatic.

- (a) Γλῶσσά με. Heb. ετισ, gloria mea; aliter, lingua, quòd sit gloriationis instrumentum:
- (b) "סיוסי סצ.] So the Septuagint and the several versions. The printed Hebrew text has nevertheless אוסיריך, "סיוצֹב סצ. But to the fidelity of the Evangelist and the ancient versions no less than 160 Hebrew MSS. now bear testimony, reading here אוסיריך, "סיוֹסי סצ. And the Masorites, to give them their due, have marked their own reading as doubtful, if not erroneous. Nor do I see how they could well do otherwise, when

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when the Targum espouses the Christian acceptation, and reads in the fingular number זכאך, justum, vels sanctum tuum.

No. LXII.

Αct. iii. 22, 23. Μωσῆς μὲν — εἶπεν "Οτι ωροφήτην ὑμῖν ἀνας ήσει Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ὑμῶν ἐκτῶν ἀδελφῶν ὑμῶν, ὡς ἐμέ αὐτε ἀκέσεσθε κατὰ ωάντα ὅσα ἀν λαλήση ωρὸς ὑμᾶς. "Εςαι δὲ, ωᾶσα ψυχὴ, ἤτις ἀν μὴ ἀκέση τε ωροφήτε ἐκένε, ἐξολοθρευθήσε αι ἐκτε λαε. Vid. cap. vii... 37.

Deut.xviii. 15, 16. Προφήτην έκ των αθελφων σε, ως έμε, αναςήσει σοι Κύριος δ

Θεός σε αυτε ακέσεσθε-

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Καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος
ὅς ἐὰν μη ἀκέση ὅσα ὰν λαλήση ὁ τοροφήτης.
ἐκθνος ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματί με, ἐγὰ ἐκδικήσω ἐξ
αὐτε.

Vatic.

Here the Greek differs a little from the Hebrew; and the Citation widely from both. What chiefly deserves to be considered is, that St. Peter either joined together

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together two distant texts; or else that the author of the old Greek version read differently in his Hebrew copy from what we now read in ours.

The phrase, ἐξολοθρευθήσελαι ἐκ τε λαε, and its correspondent Hebrew, occurs above ten times in the Pentateuch; but the other, ἐγω ἐκδικήσω ἐξ αὐτε, not near so often: and though the latter may mean the same thing as the former, yet is it derived from a different Hebrew reading, and therefore appears to me suspicious.

No. LXIII.

Αετ. iii. 25. Λέγων τορος 'Αβραάμ' Καὶ ἐν τῷ σπέρμα]ί σε ἐνευλογηθήσον]αι τᾶσαι αἱ τατριαὶ τῆς γῆς.

Gen. xxii. 18.

ἐν τῷ σπέρμαζί σε σιάντα τὰ έθνη τῆς γῆς.

Vatic.

No. LXIV.

Αct.iv. 25, 26. ΄Ο δια ςόματος Δαξίδ — εἰπλυ· "Ινα τί ἐφεύαξαν ἔθνη, ἢ λαοὶ ἐμελέτησαν κενά;

L Παρέςησαν

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Παρές ησαν οἱ βασιλείς τῆς γῆς, ἢ οἱ ἄρχονὶες συνήχθησαν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ κατὰ τε Κυρίε, ἢ κατὰ τε Χρις ε αὐτε.

Psal. ii. 1, 2.

Ίνα τί

ἐφρύαξαν ἔθνη, ἢ λαοὶ ἐμελέτησαν κενά; Παρέςησαν οἱ βασιλῶς τῆς γῆς, ἢ οἱ ἄρ-χοντες συνήχθησαν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ κατὰ τῶ Κυρίε, ἢ κατὰ τῶ Χριςῷ αὐτῷ.

Alex. Vatic.

No. LXV.

Αετ. vii. 3. Καὶ εἶπε— Έξελθε ἐκ τῆς γῆς σε, κὰ ἐκ τῆς συίγενέκας σε, κὰ δεῦςο εἰς γῆν, ἥν ἄν σοι δέξω.

Gen. xii. 1. Καὶ εἶπε— Έξελθε ἐκ τῆς γῆς σε, κὰ ἐκ τῆς συΓγενέιας σε, κὰ δεῦρο εἰς γῆν, ἡν ἀν σοι δάξω.

MS. Οχοη.

No. LXVI.

Αετ. vii. 6, 7. Εςαι το σπέρμα αὐτε το αροικον ἐν γῆ ἀλλοτρία, ἢ δελώσεσιν αὐτο ἢ κακώσεσιν ἔτη
τετρακόσια. Καὶ το ἔθνος, ὧ ἐὰν δελεύσωσι
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κρινώ έγω, είπεν δ Θεός. Καὶ μετα ταυτα έξελεύσον]αι.

Gen. xv. 13. Πάροικον ἔςαι τὸ σπέρμα σε ἐν γῆ ἐκ ἰδία, κὰ κακώσεσιν αὐτὸ, κὰ δελώσεσιν αὐτες τετρακόσια ἔτη. τὸ δὲ ἐθνος, ὧ ἐὰν δελεύσωσι, κρινῶ ἐγὼ. μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα ἔξελεύσονται. Conf. Exod. iii. 12. Alex.

No. LXVII.

Αξτ. vii. 42, 43. Καθώς γέγεαπ]αι — Μὴ σφάγια ἢ θυσίας ωροσηνέ κα] ε μοι έτη τεσσαράκον]α ἐν τῆ ἐρήμῳ, οἶκος Ἰσραήλ; καὶ ἀνελάβετε τὴν σκηνὴν τε Μολὸχ, ἢ τὸ ἄςρον τε Θεε ὑμῶν (a) 'Ρεμφὰν, τες τύπες ες ἐποιήσατε ωροσκυνείν αὐτοῖς' ἢ μετοικιῶ ὑμᾶς ἐπέκενα βαβυλῶνος.

Απος ν. 25, 26. Μὴ σφάγια ἢ θυσίας τος σεροτηνέΓκα] ε΄ μοι εν τῆ ἐξήμω, οἶκος Ἰσγραήλ, τεσσαράκον]α ἔτη—; Καὶ ἀνελάθε] ε τὴν σκηνήν τε Μολοχ, ἢ τὸ ἄςρον τε Θεε ὑμῶν 'Ραιφαν (b), τες τύπες ες ἐποιήσατε ἑαυτοῖς, ἢ μετοικιῶ ὑμᾶς ἐπέκεινα Δαμασκε (c).

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- (a) ὑμῶν is wanting in some copies; and so it is in Irenæus adv. Hær. iv. 29. Origen cont. Cels. lib. v. p. 236.
- (b) Heb. כיון, chiun, fortasse antiquitùs ריון, rivan; sed ambo idem, viz. Saturnum, significant. Petit.
- (c) ἐπέκεινα Δαμασκε] longinquius quam Damasceni. Sam. Petit. apud Crit. Sacr. "And I will carry you "away further than I did the Inhabitants of Damas-"cus." See 2 Kings xvi. 9. Whence a change perhaps, in the Evangelical Greek, by way of explanation.

No. LXVIII.

- Αct. vii. 49, 50. Καθώς δ σεροφήτης λέγει Ο έρανός μης Θρόνος, ή δε γη ὑποπόδιον τῶν σοδῶν με σοῖον οἶκον οἰκοδομήσε] ε μοι; λέγει Κύριος ἡ τίς τόπος τῆς καταπαύσεώς με; Οὐχὶ ἡ χέις με ἐποίησε ταῦτα σάν]α.
- Υίπι. Ιχνί. τ, 2. Οὕτως λέγει Κύριος Ο εξανός μοι Θρόνος, ή δε γη ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν με πος της καλαπαύσεώς με; Πάντα γὰς ταῦται ἐποίησεν ἡ χείς με. Αἰεχ.

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No. LXIX.

Αει. viii. 32, 33. Ἡ δὲ ϖεριοχη — ἦν αὕτη. Ὠς ϖρόδα]ον ἐπὶ σφαγην ήχθη, ἢ ὡς ἀμνὸς ἐναν]ίον τε κείρον]ος αὐτὸν ἄφωνος, ἔτως ἐκ ἀνοίγει τὸ ςόμα αὐτε. Ἐν τῆ ταπεινώσει αὐτε(α) ἡ κρίσις αὐτε ἡρθη. την δὲ γενεὰν αὐτε τίς διηγήσε]αι; ὅτι αἴρεται ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἡ ζωὴ αὐτε.

Ifai. liii. 7, 8.

Τος τος (b) αὐτὸν ἄφωνος, ἕτως ἐκ ἀνοίγει τὸ κόμα αὐτε. Ἐν τῆ ταπεινώσει ἡ κρίσις αὖτε ἡρθη (c). τὴν γενεὰν αὐτε τίς διηγήσεται; ὅτι αἴρελαι ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἡ ζωὴ αὐτε.

Alex.

- (a) auts is wanting in the Alex. MS. Vulgate Version, and Clem. Epist. 1. ad Corinthios, § 16.
- (b) κείρον]ος αὐτὸν, Vatic. ita et MS. I D 2, et I B 2, Brit. Mus.
- (c) The Septuagint seem to have read שנשר משלטה but, according to the Evangelist, און שנים. The printed.

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printed text is different, and runs thus, מעצר ומשפט De clausura, et judicio sublatus est. The New College MS. has א אפוֹסוג מטֹדצּ אָאפּר, as if the Hebrew had been הלך, and not הלך: but nothing like it occurs in Dr. Kennicott's collations.

No. LXX.

Αct. xiii. 33. Γέγζαπλαι Υιός με εί σθ, έγω σήμεζου γεγέννηκά σε.

Psal. ii. 7. Υιός με εἶ σὺ, ἐγω σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Αλεχ. Vatic.

No. LXXI.

Αct, xiii. 34. Είζηκεν, Δώσω ύμιν τὰ όσια Δαβίδ τὰ ωιςά.

Isai. lv. 3. Διαθήσομαι υμίν διαθήκην αιώνιον, τὰ όσια. Δαείδ τὰ τοιςά. Αlex. Vatic.

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No. LXXII.

Αετ. xiii. 35. Διὸ—λέγει, Οὐ δώσεις τὸν ὅσιόν σε ἰδείν διαφθοράν.

Psal.xv.10.Sept. Οὐδε δώσεις τὸν ὅσιόν σε ἰδῶν διαφθοςάν.

Alex. Vatic.

No. LXXIII.

- Act. xiii. 4 τ. Το εἰρημένον ἐν τοῖς ωροφήταις Ἰδετε οἱ καταφρόνηλαι (a), κὶ θαυμάσαλε, κὰ ἀφανίσθητε ὅτι ἔρίον ἐγω ἐργάζομαι ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ὑμῶν, ἔρίον (b) ὅ ἐ μὴ ωις εύσηλε, ἐάν τίς ἐκδιηγῆται ὑμῖν.
- (a) Many copies read the text with the addition of Kaì ἐπιβλέψα]ε, though not uniformly inserted in the same place in all. The Hebrew has referred, et aspicite.

(b) This.

- (b) This latter $\xi \varphi \gamma \sigma \nu$, which indeed gives great weight and elegance to the sentence, is nevertheless wanting in several MSS. Vide Mill. et Wetsten. in loc.
- (c) למט שמל לא שנים, א מים מים לא מים לא מים לא מים לא מים אים החמרה. Heb. אמרו החמרה, et attoniti estote; obstupescite. The Arabic version, ut mira admiremini, et pereatis; as if the original had been הרמהו והמהו However that be, it is plain the LXX read בגרים, and not בגרים, as our present copies. It is by far the better reading. But see Pocock, Notæ Miscel. cap. III. p. 139.

No. LXIV.

Αct. xiii. 47. Τέθεικά σε εἰς φῶς ἐθνῶν, τε εἰναί σε εἰς σωτηρίαν έως ἐσχάτε τῆς γῆς.

Isai. xlix. 6. Τέθακά σε εἰς φῶς ἐθνῶν, τε εἰναί σε εἰς σωτηρίαν έως ἐσχάτε τῆς γῆς. Alex.

This is the only quotation I have yet observed that is introduced abruptly, with any precise form. The preceding words, Οῦτω γὰς ἐντέταλται ὑμῖν ὁ Κύριος, have no reference to what follows, but to the terms of the apostolical commission, as delivered in Matth. xxviii.

xxviii. 19, Mark xvi. 15, Luke xxiv. 47. And with respect to this particular case, in Acts xxii. 21. when, in consequence of their commission, the Apostles preached the Gospel first to the Jews, and were despised and ill-treated by them; they then turned to the Gentiles, and, in support of their conduct, appealed to this prophecy of Isaiah; before which we are mentally to supply the usual formula, μαθώς γένης απλαι, as the Syriac and Arabic, and, let me add, the English Interpreters, have expressly and judiciously done.

No. LXXV.

Αct. xv. 16, 17. Καθώς γέγραπλαι Μετὰ ταῦτα ἀνας ξέψω,
μ ἀνοικοδομήσω την σκηνην Δαβίδ την σεπλοκυῖαν, μ τὰ κατεσκαμμένα αὐτης ἀνοικοδομήσω, μ ἀνορθώσω αὐτην. Όπως ὰν ἐκζητήσωσιν οἱ κατάλοιποι τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸν
Κύριον, μ σάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ἐφ' ἐς ἐπικέκληται τὸ ὄνομά με ἐπ' αὐτές λέγει Κύριος ὁ
σοιῶν ταῦτα σάντα.

Amos ix. I I, I 2. Εν τη ημέρα εκένη ανας ήσω την σκηνην Δ αδίδ την ϖ επίωκυῖαν, κ ανοι-M κοδομήσω

κοδομήσω τὰ σεπωκότα αὐτῆς, ἢ τὰ κατεσκαμμένα αὐτῆς ἀναςήσω, ἢ ἀνοικοδομήσω αὐτὴν καθώς αἱ ἡμέραι τε αἰωνος.
Όπως ἀν ἐκζητήσωσιν οἱ κατάλοιποι τῶν
ἀνθρώπων τὸν Κύριον, ἢ σάντα τὰ ἔθνη,
ἐφ' ἐς ἐπικέκληλαι τὸ ὄνομά με ἐπ' αὐτές.
λέγει Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ὁ σοιῶν ταῦτα.

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The Vatican reads here Κύριος ὁ ωοιῶν ωάντα ταῦτα.

If we compare these passages, which sufficiently support each other, with the present Hebrew text, it will manifestly appear, that that text must long since have been corrupted, and wilfully too, in favour of the Jews, and to the disparagement of the Gentiles. For besides the mistake of פרציה, and for הרסחיה, I suspect that פרציה were added to the text, and הרסחיה left out; that שיה was turned into the present ארם אות ירשו into ארם into הארם instead of the Apostle's argument, this compliment to themselves—" that they (the Jews) "may posses the remnant of Eddm, and of all the "Heathen," &c. Vide Targum in loc. A compliment which, from that time to this, they never saw fulfilled.

No. LXXVI.

Α&. xxiii. 5. Γέγεαπλαι γὰς— Αεχοντα τε λαε σε εκ έςεις κακώς.

SECTION IV.

HAVING thus exhibited the several quotations, made by the Evangelists, in a plain, regular series, adjusted to each other, and also to the passages in the Old Testament, to which they respectively refer; it is now time that we should carefully review and critically examine them, in order the more effectually to discover,

First, How far the Evangelists are consonant with themselves; and,

Secondly, How far they are conformable to the Old Testament Writers.

r°. Now the Evangelical quotations, that may be compared together, occur in no less than twenty-four places of the preceding Table. And if we accordingly make the comparison, it will readily appear, that they are not only similar in fense, but nearly

mearly similar in words likewise. For no man surely will contend, that such minute variations of language, as those which occur in No. XVII. and which convey precisely the same meaning, should be deemed real differences. Not indeed that they often vary even so much as is there observed; for in general they agree in the very words, and seldom differ in the order of them.

The most remarkable difference I have hitherto observed between them, if in truth it may be called a difference, consists in this, that the very same quotations are often contracted by some of the Evangelists, and as often enlarged by others. But doubtless this procedure, the different occasions on which they are introduced, and the different ends they are intended to serve, might not only allow, but even require. To instance in a few particulars. St. Luke, who wrote his Gospel for the instruction of the Gentile converts, quotes no less than three verses out of the prophet Isaiah, see No. VI, when the other Evangegelists, Matthew and Mark, quote only the first of But it was necessary to his purpose he should proceed so far, in order to assure the Gentiles, that they

they were destined to be partakers of the privileges of the Gospel, and to "see the salvation of God."

On the other hand, St. Matthew and St. Paul, reproving the Jews for their incredulity, which Isaiah had long foretold, introduce the prophecy at full length, see No. XXIII.; whereas St. Mark and St. Luke only refer or allude to it, and that very briefly.

St. Mark, who penned his Gospel for a mixed so-ciety composed of Jewish and Gentile converts, has many peculiarities belonging to him, which are not specified by the other Evangelists. Of these it may be sufficient to produce one, which particularly relates to the point that is now before us. To engage the Jews the more effectually to adopt and obey this Gospel, he has not only inserted therein more Hebrew, or rather Syro-Chaldaic phrases, than all the other Evangelists together; but, forsaking the Hebrew and Greek, has quoted their Chaldee paraphrase (see No. XXIII. note c), which he translated for himself, and which thereby became more intelligible probably to the Gentiles also.

Now these particular variations, whatever some men may think, are so far from being disparagements to the Gospels, that they are in reality the excellencies and ornaments of them. They are such variations only as these different converts, of different conceptions, required to have been made, for their obtaining a true and right knowledge of the Old Testament prophecies.

As the Evangelists thus agree with themselves, let us next inspect,

2°. How conformable they are to the Old Testament writers.

Under this head it must be premised, that we are not to expect at present the same agreement and conformity between the Evangelists and the Old Testament writers, as might have subsisted, and I verily believe did subsist, between them, in more ancient times. I had occasion to observe in a former Tract*, that when the Gospels were published, in which the

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^{*} An Enquiry into the State of the Septuagint Version. See § VI. VIII. VIII.

truth of Christianity is particularly proved, as well from the prophecies that were accomplished in the person of Christ, as from the miracles that were performed by Him, the Jews immediately took the alarm, and industriously laboured to counteract and subvert them. The facts recorded in these Gospels the Jews could not dispute: they were too well known, and too generally acknowledged, to be gainsaid or controverted. What then could they do? Nothing surely but what they did; which was, artfully to disguise the prophecies which the Evangelists had applied, and turn them, so disguised, to other objects. Instances of this sort may easily be traced. I shall specify but one, that occurs above in No. XX. where the text of Malachi is evidently corrupted both in the Hebrew and the Greek, and seemingly on purpose to invalidate the arguments of the Evangelists, by excluding the Baptist out of the text, and destroying the connexion between him and Christ.

But notwithstanding all their artifices, we are providentially furnished with ample means, as well to discover the Jewish corruptions, as to vindicate the integrity of the Evangelical quotations.

The texts cited in the Gospels and the Aets amount in number, by my computation, to seventy-six; of these, sixty at least appear, on comparison, to be strictly conformable to some or other of our Septuagint copies. Several more come near to them, and convey exactly the same sense, though not precisely the same words. Where any glaring differences occur, such as those observable in No. XXI. XL. LXXV. &c. there I have shewn the Evangelists to be right, and the Old Testament writings corrupted.

Though my reasons for this determination have already appeared in part, yet it may not, perhaps, be amis if I explain myself a little further. We are to observe then, that in the Gospel dispensation there were two articles especially (viz. faith in Christ as the promised Messiah, and the adoption of the Gentiles into the new covenant) which highly offended the Jews, and which their prejudices led them strenuously to oppose. Now, since the Gospel texts on which these articles are founded, are the very texts that differ most from the Old Testament readings, it is easy to conceive from whence these differences sprung, and to whom they ought, in reason, to be ascribed. The Jews had an end to serve by adulte-

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rating their copies. The Evangelists had no other concern but fairly to represent the dispensations of Heaven; to the truth of whose representations the providence of God, and the experience of the world for above seventeen centuries, have borne visible and incontrovertible testimony. But of this enough.

As for those minute differences, whether consisting of additions, omissions, or alterations, which some authors have recounted with scrupulous severity; they are so far from being, what they suppose them to be, faults and impersections, that they are indeed, as I observed before, the supplemental excellencies of the Gospels. In some places they serve to render the language more compact, and the sense more clear and pointed; in others, they serve to elucidate the subjects, and to restrict them to their true intent: but no where do they ever violate the text, or make it express a sictitious meaning.

As these observations are of some weight, it may be requisite to support them by apposite examples.

Thus St. Matthew, see No. II. has the addition of τον λαόν με, whether made by way of explanation, or

in conformity to his Septuagint copy, may be a question; but surely a question not hard to be determined, when we find the text evidently mutilated both in Hebrew and Greek.

St. Mark likewise adds $\delta \Theta \epsilon \delta c$, see No. XXVIII. which is absolutely necessary, as well to connect as to appropriate the quotation. For the same reason St. Stephen, see No. LXVI. added the words $\epsilon i\pi \epsilon v \delta \epsilon c$, and also changed the pronoun $\sigma \epsilon into \alpha v \tau \epsilon$, which the construction of his narrative plainly required.

As the Evangelists made additions in some places, so are they charged with omissions in others. Thus St. Matthew and St. Luke, see No. VIII. leave out a part of the Septuagint reading in the XCth Psalm. St. Matthew and St. John likewise, see No. XXX. omit the words dinator if outlook is outlook, in the prophecy of Zechariah. So again, see No. LXV. St. Stephen leaves out the latter part of the sentence nai in the reading members of it. For if Abram quitted his country and his kindred, where

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was the necessity for adding, what of course must follow, "that he quitted his father's house?"

And this leads me to an observation which I think of some consequence, viz. that the Evangelists never load their quotations with unallied particulars; but, always attentive to proofs, prudently adjust the Old Testament passages to the leading subjects of them, and take in no more of the several prophecies, &c. than what peculiarly relate to the points in hand, and are sufficient to ratify and consirm them:

From this observation we are able, I apprehend, not only to account for these several omissions, but also to justify the Evangelical writers in making them.

The truth is, that the words omitted have no strict reference to the points they meant to enforce: and the proofs now resulting are as strong, nay, much stronger, and more compact, under these omissions, than ever they would have been supposing them inserted. Examine with candour the various texts brought in support of the charge here alluded to, and then judge if that charge be well grounded.

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With respect to the numerous variations observable in Nos. XI. XIV. XVI. XVIII. XX. XXI. XXIV. XXIV. XXIX. &c. the most momentous of them have already been animadverted upon in the preceding Notes. And if there be any validity in those Notes, the most signal differences are evidently owing to the incorrectness of the Hebrew and Greek texts, and not to the mistakes or misconstructions of the Gospel writers.

As to the *smaller* differences, they seem to be derived from another source, from the differences of several versions. But, since the Greek version which the Evangelists used was far more ancient, and consequently more perfect than any of those that have reached our hands, we may hence fairly presume, that the Gospel-readings are more exact and authentic than our Septuagint versions can possibly be.

And yet the learned Capellus, treating of these very articles in his Critica Sacra, lib. II. cap. iv. has amassed a number of instances plainly in disfavour of the Evangelical readings, and that upon no other grounds, but because they differed from the Septuagint version. But this great man, considently depending on the absolute integrity of the Vatican MS. (which

(which was the only one he had), made thereby many great and grievous mistakes, not merely in these, but in many other important articles. Had he been possessed of the Alexandrian M3. &c. his candour, I am convinced, would have prompted him to decide otherwise. I mention this as a caution to young Divines, less they should be led astray by the authority of so truly eminent a Critic; but, eminent as he was in some respects, yet certainly in others he was unfortunately an erroneous one.

From what has been said, I hope it is now fully apparent, that the several Evangelists perfectly agree with each other, in sense at least, if not altogether in words; and, where the Old Testament writers appear to be correct, that they are truly conformable to them also. Which is the sum of all I undertook to vindicate in the present Section.

SECTION V.

WE have already seen how well the Evangelists agree together in their several quotations; and also, how those quotations agree in general with the Septuagint version. Some differences, it must be allowed, there are between them, and those of no small importance. But the inaccuracies, we have shewn, do not lie with the Evangelists, but chiefly with the Greek interpreters, and in some places with the Hebrew text itself. This having been, I conceive, fully proved, the only question that remains to be discussed is—whether the quotations are justly applied? To this question, taken in the affirmative sense, the prejudices and passions of certain writers have prompted them to urge various objections; which, to candid minds, appear to have no foundation. But what do our adversaries mean? Are they sorry to see the several quotations strictly accomplished, and every thing prophesied of the Messiah astually fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ? And yet, this they cannot but see if they

they impartially compare the prophecies that went before of him with the event which the Gospels relate concerning him.

But, before we come to the actual application of these quotations, it may be of use to observe, that they are in themselves of various kinds, brought in on various occasions, and intended to answer various ends. As far, therefore, as they are adapted to the ends proposed, so far we may conclude them to be just and proper.

Now, in the first place, the most important quotations that occur in the Gospels are ushered in as perfect accomplishments of ancient prophecies in the person of Christ, considered as the promised Messiah. "Ina wangwon, n.t.a. "that it might be fulfilled," or rather, "whereby was fulfilled that which was spoken." But, rightly to understand what was prophetically spoken, we must attend to the nature of prophecy in general, which may be thus explained.

Known unto God, from the beginning of the world, were all the works which he had graciously decreed to perform for the recovery and salvation

of fallen man: and these he declared "by the Proof phets to the Patriarchs at sundry times," as their circumstances required; "and in divers manners," as their capacities were able to comprehend them; "but in these last days" of their completion, has most openly declared them to us by the disciples of His In these declarations, we, who have seen them verified, plainly discover a grand and extensive scheme formed by Providence from the first, which consists of various parts, some respecting the temporal, and others the spiritual, benefit of mankind: and yet is there, under all this variety, a close and intimate connection between them*, so that the temporal is often introductory to, and significant of, the spiritual. For as every temporal blessing, favour, and deliverance, which the Jews obtained, sprung from the mercies of God through Christ, so they became not only preludes to, but also types and pledges of, that future deliverance and bleffing that he was finally

^{*} This connection should be carefully attended to; for upon it are founded the reasons of those abrupt transitions from one subject to another, and of those quick changes of numbers and persons, &c. so frequently observable in the Old Testament prophecies, and especially in those that are compounded or typical.

to procure by his birth, actions, and fufferings, for the whole human race.

As in Christ, therefore, all these blessings originated, and were by him consummated, so his history became of course of infinite importance to mankind; nor of less importance, that it should be countenanced and attested by what the Prophets had antecedently predicted of Him.

Hence St. Matthew, the first Evangelist, proceeding as a regular historian, and solicitous to convince the Jews, for whose instruction he penned his Gospel, begins with the genealogy of Jesus Christ; and proves from their own registers, that he was, according to the promises, the legal descendant of Abraham and David.

He then proceeds to shew that, according to the prophecy of Isaiah, see No. I. he was born of a virgin. Of this complex prophecy, ch. vii. 10—16, the Evangelist cites no more than what relates to the miraculous conception and birth of Christ; and is addressed in the plural to the house of David, to assure them of their preservation, as the promise made

to their fathers would be faithfully fulfilled. The remainder belongs to Isaiah's son, Shear-jashub, and was delivered to Ahaz in the singular, to animate and support him in his then present distress.

In the next place, the Evangelist goes on to shew, that Christ, according to the prophecy of Micah, see No. II. was born at Bethlehem, in the land of Juda. —that, some time after his birth, he was, by the direction of an angel, carried into Egypt, in order to avoid the jealousy of Herod; who, alarmed by what the Magi reported, would have certainly destroyed him; and who indeed, to make his destruction, as he thought, sure, cruelly ordered all the male children that were in Bethlehem and the coasts thereof to be instantly sain. Then, says the Evangelist, was fulfilled again, and more literally, the prophecy of Jeremiah, see No. IV. For the lamentation at Ramah was made, at first, only for the captivity of an impious people, but now most grievously repeated* for the actual death of harmless innocents.

^{* &#}x27;Οδυρμός πολύς.

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When Herod died, and there was no further danger of Christ's life, he was, by the message of an angel again, recalled to the land of Israel; whereby was literally sulfilled the prophecy of Hosea, see No. III. "out of Egypt have I called my son."

When come into the land of Israel, it was again directed by Providence, that he should be brought up, not at Bethlehem, the place of his birth, but in a city of Galilee called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophets, "he shall "be called a Nazarene." Whether this denomination respects the word נויר, Jud. xiii. 5, or צו, Isa. xi. ד, which denotes a branch, and also the city Nazareth, a very contemptible place, and which brought contempt on every one that dwelt in it: whether the denomination, I say, respects either the one or the other, it is of little fignificancy to dispute. From his living there, Tesus was professedly called a Nazarene. And fince the hand of God appears to have been so manifestly concerned in all these transactions, we cannot but conclude, that they were brought about according to His predictions, and that those predictions are in the Gospels rightly applied.

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"No," fay our adversaries, "the Prophets are grossly misrepresented, and made to speak what they never meant. The texts quoted refer, in the "Original, to quite other persons and things than those they are applied to in the New Testament."

It does not come within the compass of my design, to pursue our opponents through all their particular objections and most fallacious reasonings; they have been often answered, and fully consuted, by many learned writers, both of our own and other nations*. It is sufficient for my purpose to observe in general, with respect to these and other prophecies, which the Evangelists have applied to Christ, that those applications must necessarily be just, even because they have so applied them. For, if the same Spirit that dictated the prophecies in the Old Testament, dictated also their interpretations in the New, HE surely best knew his own mind, and could best ascertain to whom, or to what, they were meant to be ultimately referred.

^{*} Consult Bishop Kidder, Dem. of the Messiah; Bishop Chandler, Defence of Christianity; Fr. Junius, Lib. de Locis parallelis; Frid. Spanhem, Dub. Evangelica; Huetius, Demonstr. Evangelica, &c. &c. Besides

Besides the texts that literally and singly apply to Christ, there are again some others that apply to him only typically—I mean, as represented in the person of another. How frequently, for example, are David and Solomon (not to mention any more) introduced in Scripture as types of the Messiah, and that even long after they were departed out of the world! Which plainly indicates, that the things then spoken could not appertain to them, but that the several promises addressed to them before, in their own persons, had a far remoter view, and were designed only to shew in them what should come to pass by another in after-times.

In several of the Prophets, David is one of the names of the Messiah. Thus, Hos. iii. 2, "In the "latter days Israel shall return, and seek David their king." Jer. xxx. 9, "They shall serve the Lord, "and David their king, whom I will raise up unto "them." Ezek. xxxiv. 23, 24, "I will set up one "shepherd over them, even my servant David; he "shall seed them, &c. and I the Lord will be their "God, and my servant David shall be a prince over them for ever;" as in chap. xxxvii. 25.

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"Now all these Prophets," as Bishop Chandler observes, "lived long after David, and yet they pro"phesy of a future king, who is indeed the Messiah
in the judgement of the most learned Jews, but called by the name of David, because represented in and by David."

To this observation let me further add, that, if to the typical names themselves we also insert their interpretations, as is often done in the New Testament, then the texts, becoming detached from the type, will immediately and solely apply to the antitype. Thus, in the instance before us, for the proper name, David, substitute its meaning, the Beloved, and it instantly refers to Christ; and is so referred to him in the Gospels and Epstles. "This is my Son, the Be-"loved," δ ἀγαπηλός, see Matth. iii. 17, xvii. 5; Mark i. 11; Luke ix. 35. And St. Paul says, Ephes. i. 6, "that God hath made us accepted in the Be-"loved," ἐν τῷ ἦγαπημένω; see also 2 Pet. i. 17.

But to come to another point—It has been afferted by various authors, to whom I can by no means affent, that several of the quotations made by the Evangelists are to be considered as mere allusions, delivered at first on particular occasions, but equally accommodated, and consequently applied, to other transactions of a similar kind. Thus they say, that our Saviour applied to the Jews of his own time, see No. XXVI. what the Prophet Isaiah had, above seven hundred years before, alledged against those of his time; and which, therefore, they conceive could only be said by way of accommodation *.

So again, they fay, that what Christ and St. Paul spoke concerning their judiciary blindness, in the words of the same Prophet, see No. XXIII. must be understood in the like manner. Whereas the Prophet himself expresses the direct contrary. For in the very next verse, ch. vi. 11, he asks, "Lord, how long," viz. shall this blindness last. "And the Lord answered, "Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and "the houses without man, and the land be utterly "desolate," &c. that is, until they were to be totally captivated and destroyed. Perverse then as they were in Isaiah's time, such they continued to be. And therefore our Saviour and his Apostle might, and did,

^{*} Vide Spanhem. Dub. Evangel. vol. I. p. 522, &c. ed. Genev. 1651, 4to. justly

justly and literally speak of them in their own days as the Prophet had done in his. They were, from first to last, the same hardened, hypocritical people: "And therein is the prophecy of Esaias concerning them truly fulfilled."

It has been likewise asserted, that the words which our Saviour quoted from the viiith Psalm, in reply to the priests and scribes, see No. XXXII. (when they were greatly offended at the children's crying " H_0 -" sannah to the Son of David") had no reference to what these children did, but were only an accommodation of a general axiom to that particular case. The axiom, "that God, by weak means and instruments, "that design no such thing, brings about matters to "his glory," is, I grant, true. But where is this axiom written? and where could the scribes read it? The complaint was made of the children; our Saviour vindicates the children, and applies the text particularly to them: it must, therefore, of necessity have reference to them. Nay, and the remainder of it, "that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger," received at the same time a perfect accomplishment. For no sooner had Christ made that reply, but he stilled, that is, silenced, his spiteful enemies.

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Again, in some of his debates with the Jews, our Saviour is supposed to have cited texts which could have no relation to the points discussed. Thus, he justified his disciples for plucking the ears of corn when they were hungry on the Sabbath-day, Matth. xii. 7; and vindicated his own conduct for eating with publicans and sinners, Matth. ix. 13, by referring to the words of the prophet Hosea, "I will have "mercy, and not sacrifice;" which words had no view to either of these actions at God's speaking them. True; nor were they cited as proofs of any such things. The quotations were introduced, and well are they adapted, to refute the objections which the Jews, in their zeal, grounded on these actions. Christ and his disciples are charged by them, on what they had done, with transgressing the law, and thereby offending the Author of it. To this Christ replies, that himself and his disciples were, in both instances, engaged in works of necessity, mercy, and charity; and then adds, in the words of the Prophet, that such works are far more acceptable to God than the strictest observances of ritual ceremonies, or the oblations of the richest sacrifices. Considered in this light, how justly, how pertinently do the words apply! Not to the actions indeed, for to them they have no reference, but to the Jewish objections deduced from them.

Other citations of the like fort, and objected to in like manner, will admit of clear and eafy folutions on the same or similar principles. There is one prophetical text, see No. XVIII. which seems to be applied, in the New Testament, to two different subjects, and consequently to be taken in two different senses. The text I mean is this—"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our forrows," Is. liii. 4, which St. Matthew refers, ch. viii. 17, to the burden of our diseases, and St. Peter, I Ep. ii. 24, to the sufferings of Christ. But if it be considered, that the Jews looked on bodily diseases as punishments of sins, then both interpretations will fairly coincide, and mutually illustrate each other.

The feveral prophecies relating to our Saviour's fufferings, death; and refurrestion, were, in all their circumstances, so fully and literally accomplished in Him, that the applications of them made by the Evangelists have scarcely ever been controverted. And, therefore, there is no need that we should either defend them, or make any comments upon them.

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And that the prophecies which announce the adoption of the Gentiles, and the rejection of the Jews, however perverted in the Old Testament, see No. XXI. and LXXV. are nevertheless truly quoted and justly applied in the New, every man who attends to the course of Providence, and the present state of the world, will readily and openly confess. The Gentiles are in part come in, and the Jews are totally excluded, despised, and harrassed. Such things, however, the ancient prophets predicted of them; and fuch things they have fince wofully experienced. But, praised be the Divine Goodness, there are other prophecies still to be fulfilled, which open to вотн а most glorious prospect, which promise the further enlargement of the Gentiles, and the future conversion of the Jews-when "all the kingdoms of this world "shall become the kingdoms of Christ," Rev. xi. 15, "and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship be-"fore him," Psa. xxii. 27. Herein, then, all the prophecies respecting the religious improvement of the world having their full completion, terminate. And a termination it is, no less worthy of God, who planned the scheme, than beneficial to man, for whose happiness it will finally be effected.

Of all that has been said this is the sum: That Jesus Christ, whose history we read in the New Testament, was the true Messiah predicted in the Oldthat this is manifestly confirmed and ascertained by the exact completion of the several prophecies that went before concerning him—that if some of these prophecies were anciently, by the Jews, either interpreted of, or applied to, other persons and times than those of the Messiah, yet is the sense given them by Christ and his apostles highly to be preferred; for the Tews easily might, and indeed evidently did, mistake the sense of many prophecies, which foretold events that were long after to happen; but it was impossible that Christ and his apostles should ever err in the true meaning of any one, as they were really endued with supernatural powers, and guided by the influence of that spirit, "which searcheth and knoweth all things, "even the deep things of God," I Cor. ii. 10. Their power of working miracles plainly proved that "God "was with them," and inspired as well as strengthened them. Their inspiration again as plainly proved, that their interpretation of the prophecies was certain and infallible: not to insist, as a further proof, on their being all throughout punctually accomplished according to the very sense in which they interpreted them.

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On the strength of this argument, in conjunction with many others, I must therefore assume the considence to conclude, that we have a sure soundation for our faith in Christ; and provided "we add to our "faith virtue;" provided, to the firm belief of the Gospel dostrines, we join a strict and sincere obedience to its practical precepts, we shall sinally attain to its promised blessings; and being, by its powerful motives, made boly here, shall be sure to be eternally happy hereaster, through the merits and mediation of the same "Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be "ascribed all glory and majesty, dominion and power, "both now and ever. Amen." Jude 25.

POSTSCRIPT.

THIS Treatife I must not submit to the Public, without acknowledging the great obligations I am under to my learned and worthy friend, the Rev. Mr. Holmes of Oxford, to whose kindness I am indebted for the ready communication of several various readings, taken from different copies of the Septuagint: which readings, at the same time that they prove the sidelity of the Evangelical quotations, prove also the utility of that great work, "The Collation of all the known Septuagint MSS." in which he is now engaged; a work which will be, I trust, as it justly deserves, zealously and effectually encouraged.

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