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ERRATA.

- p. 79, last line but one—"in *all* our modern editions"—too broad an assertion. Two have been pointed out to me, in which this is not the case.
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| " 100, line 22, for 1 Cor. i. 8 | read 1 Cor. i. 18. |
| " 108, " 24, " Isai. liii. 12 | " Isai. liii. 11. |
| " 110, " 12, " Prov. xix. 6 | " Prov. xix. 16. |
| " 147, " 3, " Mark xvi. 2 | " John xx. 1. |
| " 148, " 22, " Matt. xxxiii. 27 | " Matt. xxiii. 27. |
| " 152, " 15—"in <i>all</i> our modern Bibles"—too broad a statement, like that made p. 79. There are exceptions. | |
| " 160, line 18, for Col. ii. 5 | read Col. ii. 15. |
| " 165, " 3, " Ezek. xvi. 48 | " Ezek. xvi. 49. |
| " 170, " 8, " Exod. xxv. 28 | " Exod. xxiii. 28. |
| " ib. " 24, " Num. xxv. 9 | " Num. xxv. 7. |
| " 174, " 17, " Acts xiv. 13 | " Acts xiv. 15. |

WHICH distinguishes the present agitation of the matter from preceding ones is, that on all former occasions the subject was only debated among scholars and divines, and awoke no interest in circles beyond them. The present is apparently the first occasion on which it has taken serious hold of the popular mind. But now indications

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

IT is clear that the question, Are we, or are we not, to have a new translation of Scripture? or rather,—since few would propose this, who did not wish to lift anchor and loosen from its moorings the whole religious life of the English people,—Shall we, or shall we not, have a new revision of the Authorized Version? is one which is presenting itself more and more familiarly to the minds of men. This, indeed, is not by any means the first time that this question has been earnestly discussed; but that which distinguishes the present agitation of the matter from preceding ones is, that on all former occasions the subject was only debated among scholars and divines, and awoke no interest in circles beyond them. The present is apparently the first occasion on which it has taken serious hold of the popular mind. But now indications

of the interest which it is awakening reach us from every side. America is sending us the instalments—it must be owned not very encouraging ones—of a New Version, as fast as she can.¹ The wish for a revision has for a considerable time been working among Dissenters here; by the voice of one of these it has lately made itself heard in Parliament, and by the mouth of a Margaret Professor of Divinity in Convocation. Our Reviews, and not those only which are specially dedicated to religious subjects, begin to deal with the question of revision. There are, or a little while since there were, frequent letters in the newspapers, either urging such a step, or remonstrating against it;—few of them, it is true, of much value or weight; yet at the same time showing how many minds are now occupied with the subject.

¹ With more haste, it is to be feared, than good speed. It is certainly not very encouraging, in respect of the equipment of those who undertake the work, when in the American Bible Union's version of the Epistle to the Hebrews, published with an enormous apparatus of what present themselves as learned notes, we fall, in the fifth page, upon this note [on i. 9, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity"]; "ἡγάγησας . . . καὶ ἐμίσησας. These *participles* are usually rendered by verbs." The translator congratulates himself that the *errata* are few. Running over a few of the notes I detected these: ἐστεφάνωσας, p. 9; ὁμοίωτα, p. 21; βοήθειαν, do.; πονεράς, pp. 14, 53; φοτισθέντες, p. 55; καταπόθησαν, p. 64; σπουδάσομεν (Heb. iv. 11), p. 19; πλανομένοις, p. 21; σωτηρίας, p. 27; ἀντιλοχίας, p. 32; ἀκούμενοι, p. 73; διαθήκεν, p. 46; μεμαρτύρηται, p. 58; ἐρμενεύομενος, p. 30; εὐλόγησε, p. 31; κατάπανσε, p. 19; κατάσχομεν, p. 15;—all these, except perhaps one or two, testifying for themselves that they are not mere printer's *errata*; such I have omitted. The Ephesians yields a similar harvest: as χαίρων, χαίρου, p. 4; ἐκκληρώθημεν, ib.; εὐαγγελίζω, p. 5; ἐνεργία, p. 6; μυστηρίου, p. 3; Epiphanias, p. 4; συνεζωποίησε, p. 7; ἐξοποίησε, bis, p. 8; πρεποιμάσασεν, p. 9; πορώ, p. 19; ἐνέργησε, p. 6.