

indeed, be a strange conclusion. Let us suppose a merely human affair, as follows: A merchant consigns some goods to an agent in a distant land, and, by letter, instructs him as to their shipment and probable time of their arrival, and then tells him to receive them, pay the freight and other expenses, and send parcels of them to different places, and find persons to dispose of them at stated prices, and when they were all sold to invest the money in certain bills, from certain banks, and to remit these according to directions then following. And, suppose, after giving all these particular directions, he should, in the conclusion of his letter, say, Now I have written to you that I have sent such goods, that they will arrive at such a time, that you are to receive them; and then go on with a recapitulation, saying that he had told him of all the particulars in the previous part of the letter; surely the agent would think it strange and say, "he had already given me all the particular directions which were requisite, and he need not have taken the trouble to *write*, and have given me the trouble to *read*, all that useless repetition." Now, as to the supposed deficient text, Mr. Maturin may be answered, that the Divine Spirit is, indeed, of perfect and infallible wisdom, and never uses needless or superfluous words, or deals in works of *supererogation*. He has given to us a revelation in a written and permanent form, and set forth therein every doctrine and other truth which it is at all needful for us to know, and has said, "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors"; "Search the Scriptures"; "Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"; "Comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

As to the full and pointed text in 2 Tim. 3:16, 7: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" — Mr. Maturin says (p. 49), the expression, "All Scrip-