

## NOTES.

<sup>1</sup> The remarkable letter was brought into notice by Prof. A. Neubauer (*Athenæum*, April 14, 1888). Kalconymus says: "My honoured brother, a great and strong perplexity arose in my mind lately, concerning this chapter (Gen. i), which I think will not prove groundless, and of which I have not heard that any one took it up before me. This difficulty is the following: From the beginning of Genesis up to the passage of the Sabbath rest (ii. 1-3) only Elohim occurs and not once Jehovah. From ii. 4 to v. we find Jehovah-Elohim. From v. to vi. 9, only Jehovah is mentioned. \* \* \* This strange use of the names of God cannot be accidental, but gives, according to my opinion, some hidden hints, which are too wonderful for me to understand."

<sup>2</sup> ASTRUC. Jean Astruc was born in Languedoc, 1684. His father had been a Huguenot, but had joined the Church of Rome soon after the birth of his son. Educated at Montpellier as a physician, Jean Astruc became professor in the medical faculty of Toulouse, and later was a royal physician of Paris, where he died in 1766. It was in 1753 that he published anonymously his "*Conjectures sur les mémoires originaux dont il paraît que Moïse s'est servi pour composer le livre de la Genèse.*" [Avec privilège et approbation.] It was not publicly identified with his name until a year after his death, then Lorry, in a biographical sketch, referred to his scruples about publishing the treatise. "Il était bien sûr de ses intentions, mais il avait peur que quelques esprits forts ne crussent pouvoir, de ses conjectures, tirer quelque induction contre la divinité des Livres saints. Il eut besoin d'être rassuré longtemps par des personnes pieuses et instruites, avant de donner cet ouvrage, qui n'est que curieux sans être dangereux." Astruc quotes Simon, LeClerc and Fleury, as predecessors who had already discussed the possibility of a composite authorship in the Pentateuch. He was not aware that, in the same year (1753) a Protestant, Peter Brouwer at Leyden, had treated of the same