

sages as to the place given to Scripture in the New Testament, and to those in the New Testament itself, it is of importance to quote definitely.

In Romans xvi. 26, the New Testament Scriptures are thus referred to : " But now is made manifest and by prophetic Scriptures [this is the literal and only literal translation], according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." I say the New Testament—for the mystery is declared to have been kept secret since the world began, but to be made manifest now (ver. 25). There were things revealed before, as we have seen ; but the doctrine of the Church, the breaking down of the middle wall of partition, the Gentiles being fellow-heirs and of the same body, was hid in God (Eph. iii.), and required a positive revelation, and a new one.

The revelation of Christ, Son of David, and other truths, God had promised afore by the prophets in the holy Scriptures. God Himself is the author of them, and Christ the purposed fulfilment of Scripture ; but there was needed a new revelation for certain truths, and we have it in prophetic Scriptures.

" As it is written " (Rom. iii.) is sufficient with Paul to bring in the whole world guilty. The great privilege of Israel was, that the oracles of God were committed to them ; they were " oracles of God " for the apostle. In Exodus xxxiii. " God spake to Moses," he tells us ; and " the Scripture