

ance of a part of His counsels as He was pleased to communicate, or write a history as perfectly led of Him, the bearing of which, or its part in completing the whole, they were ignorant of, only when we see what is in the whole, thereby proving it divine ; and prophets might search out their own prophecies to understand them (1 Pet. i) ; but the apostle may say, " But we have the mind of Christ " (1 Cor. ii. 16).

No doubt they could only give what was given, but they gave it as what they had as His mind who was the wisdom of God. Inferior utterances, without fruit to the speaker's understanding, there might be, proving all was of God ; but the proper inspiration of the New Testament to the apostles in their service was the perfect communication of the mind of Christ to them, and the perfect communication of it by them in the words given by the Holy Ghost who had revealed it. It was received intelligently by the same Spirit. But this mind of Christ took up man into all the glory and all the counsels of which He is the centre before the Father ; but it descended, because He had become our life, into the conduct of a slave to his master, and a master to his slave, and to the babes who were not counted unworthy of the grace and guidance of Him whose arms had once embraced them. Nothing is too small for a person to be a Christian in—nothing, consequently, too small for the Spirit of Christ to guide us in. Nothing (blessed be God !) too high for them who are united to Christ, and are one day to be like Him, though lowliness alone can embrace them. " The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

I am aware how imperfect a sketch I have given of even the part of this subject which was before