

apposite, he treats as trivial circumstances. But, as may be supposed, his real objection goes very much deeper than a possible divergence of texts, or any question of that kind. The fault which he finds with our Lord and His followers is that they discover too much in the prophets whom they quote.

For example, Ps. xcv. is quoted and commented upon in the Epistle to the Hebrews. The Psalmist uses the story of Israel, who for forty years tempted God in the wilderness, who had a limited day for repentance granted them, and who by their unbelief forfeited the rest of Canaan, for the instruction of the people of his time.

Kuenen objects that in the Hebrews the theme is further developed: the *Christian's* probation and the *Christian's* rewards are introduced. He considers this uncritical. He remarks incorrectly, as we conceive, that the Psalmist speaks only of one day, and to that day and to Israel after the flesh the New Testament writer should confine himself. Why, even if we were dealing with an uninspired author, this would be hard measure. We might allow him to draw a parallel of this kind. The Psalmist had set him the example. He had suggested the principle of a likeness in the Divine dealings. In following out this principle, the New Testament writer was showing us, as we might say, how thoroughly he understood his author.

Again, Kuenen considers (p. 458) that New Testament writers substantially alter the sense of the passages they quote. They make them mean something which they do not properly mean. They thus ascribe to the Old Testament prophets a foreknowledge, and generally a Divine authority to which they have no proper claim (p. 448). Since their method of exegesis is unscientific we are at liberty to reject the inference which might otherwise be deduced from their quotations—(p. 487) the inference being that the prophets had miraculous powers.

What then, we ask, was the new sense which the New Testament writers put into the words of those Old Testament prophets? Broadly, it was a Christian sense. They found