

German, and was put into Latin by Justus Jonas. The English version, considerably altered, was published under Cranmer's sanction, and was presented by him to Edward the Sixth.

The attempt to draw in the "judicious Hooker" as a witness in any sense against Apostolical Succession (introduced with the characteristic "Hooker says") is very unaccountable. The most charitable supposition is, that the quotations were taken at second hand, and the author not referred to. With regard to the longer quotation, it is too little to reply that Hooker says nothing of the kind. He is in that passage but explaining a sentence of St. Jerome's, which he introduces in the following way: "A sentence there is indeed of St. Jerome's, which, being not thoroughly weighed and considered, may cause his meaning so to be taken as if he judged Episcopal regiment to have been the Church's invention long after, and not the Apostles' own institution: as namely, when he admonisheth Bishops in this manner: As therefore &c. &c." He (Hooker) then explains Jerome's admonition, which, he says, "is reasonably sensible and plain, being contrived to this effect: The ruling superiority of one Bishop over many Presbyters in each Church is an order descending from Christ to the Apostles, who were themselves Bishops at large; and from the Apostles to those whom they in their stead appointed bishops over particular countries and cities; and even from those ancient times universally established, thus many years it hath continued throughout the world; for which cause Presbyters must not grudge to continue subject unto their Bishops, unless they will proudly oppose themselves against that *which God Himself ordained by His Apostles*, and the whole Church of Christ approveth and judgeth most convenient." He next states what Jerome may have intended by way of admonition to Bishops "on the other side," as quoted in the Sermon. After which Hooker proceeds thus: "In all this there is no let why St. Jerome might not think the authors of Episcopal regiment to have been the very blessed Apostles themselves, directed therein by the special motion of the Holy Ghost; which the ancients all before and besides him, and himself also elsewhere, being known to hold, we are not, without better evidence than this, to think