

five volumes ready for publication in 1848, and from the work itself we learn that it was printed so far back as the year 1838. Various reasons have been suggested to explain this unaccountable delay. Dr. Tregelles says that when Rome was in the hands of the Republican Government, and the authority of the Pope could no longer hinder the appearance of useful works, Cardinal Mai offered the impression for sale to Mr. Asher, the publisher at Berlin, but the terms named by the Cardinal were deemed too high, and thus the negotiation came to nothing. The French occupation of Rome, and the restoration of the Papal Government, soon prevented Cardinal Mai from publishing his edition, and thus biblical scholars have been doomed to wait another ten years for this precious boon. Now that it is in our hands, it is melancholy to reflect that the learned editor did not live to see the consummation of his labours, and that the work was finally sent forth to the world under the superintendence of another. The work is well and handsomely got up. The type is very good, and the paper very stout and capable of being written on. The text of the MS. is comprised in five stout quarto volumes, of which four contain the Old Testament, the fifth the New. The Old Testament—the Septuagint translation—is, of course, valuable having never before been correctly published; but the New Testament is beyond all comparison that which renders this work so especially important. On this account it is much to be regretted that the one cannot be separated from the other. The Old and New Testaments must be bought together. As the cost of the work is rather considerable (£9 stg.), this is a serious matter to scholars, a race not usually burthened with wealth. It is true an edition of the New Testament alone, in smaller size, is announced as to follow hereafter; but the editor adds, some considerable time will, probably, first elapse. The Vatican Codex, thus at length given to the world, we need scarcely say, is generally regarded as the most ancient copy of the Greek Scriptures in existence. —*British Quarterly Review*.

[How or when the Codex came to the Library of the Vatican is unknown. The New Testament is incomplete. From Hebrews IX., 14, to the end of Revelation is wanting, and in this part are included the Epistles to Timothy, Titus and Philemon. Some consider it to belong to the beginning of the Fourth Century; others place it one or two hundred years later.]

THE CHURCH.

We see in a jeweller's shop, that, as there are pearls, and diamonds, and other precious stones, there are files, cutting instruments, and many sharp tools for their polishing; and while they are in the work-house, they are continual neighbours to them, and come often under them. The Church is God's jewel; also his work-house, where his jewels are polishing for his palace; and those he especially esteems, and means to make most resplendent, he hath oftenest his tools upon.—*Leighton*.

RESPONSIBILITY.

I confess (said a faithful servant of God,) that I seldom hear the bell toll for one that is dead, but conscience asks me, What hast thou done for the saving of that soul before it left the body? There is one more gone into eternity, what didst thou do to prepare him for it? and what testimony must he give to the Judge concerning thee?—*Baxter*.

FROM THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE TO THE SUBSCRIBERS.

In presenting the first number of the Magazine for 1859, we would tender our sincere thanks to all friends for the assistance rendered during the past year, which, as stated in the December number, has been the most successful. We would again renew our solicitations for fresh efforts towards its extension, the importance of which is so desirable. We must also earnestly request that all subscribers will see the necessity of early remittances, which will strengthen our hands and contribute to the prosperity of the only Periodical of the Church in this country. What seems a small affair to each individual subscriber forms in the aggregate of so many hundreds of subscribers, a serious matter to us. Full directions for remittances, &c., will be found on the cover of the Magazine.