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NEGLECT OF HEBREW AMONG MINISTERS AND
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I.—THE EVIL ; ITS NATURE AND EXTENT.

THE great aim of the Christian ministry being to expound and proclaim the Word of God, it follows that its great work must be to study the Word of God. The more intelligently and thoroughly such study is done the more sure and true will be the exposition, and the more deep and lasting will be the effect of the preaching. God's Word having providentially been given to us not in our vernacular, but in idioms very different from our own, it ought to be plain that when we study it only in translations we do not have to do directly with the Word, or, if you will, the words of God, and it is just as obvious that the intelligent study of the originals is, when other things are equal, the best means of attaining to an adequate appreciation and understanding of the Bible, whether for purposes of interpretation or of homily. In other words the minister who does not use the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures is in so far crippled and inefficient as