

theology of the Cross, of grace, of miracles, in harmony with the good confession of our Lutheran Church. By this banner let us stand ; folding ourselves in it, let us die."

Of his work on Isaiah, Dr. Denney, who translated it, says : " The book remains what it was when published, the fullest, most equal, most consistent, and, in the religious point of view, the best of all commentaries on Isaiah."

As an expositor he had gifts of a high order, and, with tireless industry, he made them all subservient to the cause of the Master whose service was his delight. In rabbinical lore it may be said that he had not an equal in his own generation ; his philological acquirements were of the highest rank, but he never allowed himself to dissect and analyze the life out of the message ; he was full of sympathy with the truth, and felt its power in his life ; he was by temperament a poet, and the word of the prophet made music in his soul, and kept him from being dominated by merely critical and philological considerations. There was a balance and a breadth about his conclusions which won confidence for him as a wise leader of the thinking men of his generation, although it must be admitted that sometimes his findings were reached by a faculty not included in the critical apparatus I have mentioned. Every careful student of his expository works has noticed that now and then, as if by a happy intuition, he projects himself beyond the evidence, and escapes from some exegetical dilemma by an ingenious way which would never have occurred to a merely grammatical interpreter, and which yet sticks in the mind as probably the best explanation after all.

The very wealth of his learning and the very exuberance of his activity were a snare to him, for he had not always the faculty of bestowing the products of his reading or his thinking where they belonged, and his commentaries contain many a philological dissertation or excursus of fanciful interpretation which could well be spared without lessening the value of his undeniably great treatise.

No one could be more ready to accept suggestions from his friends and critics than he was ; and so we find him writing, in the preface to the last edition of his commentary on Isaiah : " Complaint has been made against my commentary, in its earlier editions, that it contains too much that is etymological, too much