

and death of Christ, has proved too strong an argument for many a sceptic ; because, as has been well said, "The more numerous and intricate the wards of a lock, the more certain may we be that the key which fits it is the very key of that lock." Be exhorted, then, brethren, to a reverent study of those things which Moses in the law, and the Prophets did write." They will lead you to Jesus, and make you to understand, so far as human intelligence can, His first advent. Be assured that Moses and the Prophets reveal to us mystically the miracle of mercy contained in the atonement, as certainly as Moses and Elias on the Mount of transfiguration spoke of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem ; they will make you as they made St. Timothy, "*wise* unto salvation," and enable you to understand those pregnant sayings of our Lord, "if they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." "If ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"