

his divine power, which appertain to life and godliness, are given us through the knowledge of Him who hath called us by His own proper glory and virtue; by whom He hath given us most great and precious promises; that by those you may be made partakers of the divine nature; flying the corruption of that concupiscence which is in the world. And you, employing all care, minister in your faith virtue: and in virtue knowledge: and in knowledge abstinence: and in abstinence patience: and in patience godliness: and in godliness love of brotherhood, and in love of brotherhood, charity. For, if these things be with you, and abound, they will make you to be neither empty nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter i. 2. 9.)

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## APPENDIX.

### A.

Seckendorf, a great admirer of Luther, in his "Commentaries" on that Reformer's doctrine (i. 51.) states that Three different Editions of the Bible, in *German*, were published at Wittemberg in 1470, 1483, and 1490, that is, one, several years before, and another seven years, and a third about the very year Luther was born. Wittemberg was very near Luther's birth-place. The same writer tells us that another German Edition was published at Augsburg in 1518, Twelve years before Luther's German Bible appeared. The German version of 1466, (two copies of which are still at Leipsic,) was published in Germany at least *sixteen times before* Luther's Bible—ten times at Augsburg, five at Nuremberg and once at Strasburg. The Nuremberg Edition of 1483 had numerous wood-cuts.

A new German version of the Bible was published by John Dietenberg at Mayence, under the auspices of the Archbishop Albert in 1534. Within a century it went through *Twenty* editions, *seventeen* of which were printed at Cologne alone.

The celebrated Champions of Catholicity, and opponents of Luther, Doctors Eck and Emper published another version in 1537.