

of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New—the eternal Word by which the Father expresses himself, and makes himself known to his creatures. “Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh;” and though in his divine essence he must remain eternally invisible, by the mystery of his incarnation he has brought himself within the reach of the knowledge of mankind.

### THE SHILOH: A HISTORICAL STUDY.

JACOB expected soon to die. He called his twelve sons that he might tell them what should befall them in the last days. His eyes were dim, his youthful strength abated, but his eye of faith was bright. The visions of future ages opened before him. He pronounced blessings upon his children such as Heaven alone could bestow. He then leaned upon his staff, and sweetly exchanged mortality for life. We can scarcely conceive a more dignified scene than that exhibited at the death-bed of the aged Israel. His body is enfeebled by the waste of years, but his mind is full of vigour and a hope full of immortality. Here is his numerous family around, all of them in the highest state of prosperity, waiting to receive his fatherly counsel and dying blessing. A learned historian says: “During the time that Thotmosis I. reigned in Egypt, the patriarch Jacob died in Goshen. How strange the contrast between the most wonderful productions of men and the glorious revelations of God. Here, while all that human wisdom and wealth, science and skill, genius and perseverance could possibly effect, were laid under contribution to adorn the gorgeous and imperishable structures of Thebes,—while immense political power and unbounded resources stood out in glorious array, and invested Egypt with undying fame,—an event occurred in the tents of the humble Hebrews which in intrinsic importance and glorious result far outvied all the lustre of Egyptian history. The patriarch, who had talked with Jehovah, wrestled with the Angel of the Covenant,—the dying Jacob, inspired with the prescient Spirit of God, is heard addressing language to his twelve sons, which even at that time gave them wonderful intimations of the divine purpose and will in the election of the house of Israel, and which continues to be a standing proof of the divine character