

spired and continued of the church must have alone been the rule of Faith."

It is really surprising that a learned dignitary,—who must be thought to be well acquainted with those Scriptures, and their use in the Jewish and Christian Churches, at the period referred to,—should have been so bold as to make those assertions, which can so easily be shown to be contrary to the facts. During several hundred years before Christianity, the Jews had the Scriptures of the Old Testament constantly in use, in the Services of the Temple, and in the very *numerous* Synagogues throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee, and partially in Samaria also ; and likewise in their Synagogues in many other countries. We read in *all* the four gospels, of our Lord going into their Synagogues, and occasionally teaching in them ; and also in the Temple. In Luke iv. are the following passages :—" And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up ; and as his custom was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him, the book of the prophet Esaias." After reading certain passages which related to himself, " he closed the book and gave it again to the minister and sat down." In Acts xiii. 14-15 are these passages :—" They came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the Synagogue, on the Sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the Synagogue sent unto them, saying, —Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." In verse 27 of the same chapter —" For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them, in condemning him." Again in Acts xv. 21, " For Moses of old time, hath in every city, them that preach him, being read in the Synagogues every Sabbath day?" It is obviously the meaning of these last words, that the readings were from the inspired first books of the Scriptures called the Pentateuch written by Moses. The following words, in Acts xvii. 11, are said of the Bereans :—" These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and