

labored not for the *retiring* but for the *advancing* generation—that their work was not so much to see how many old phrases might be retained, as to provide a version that might fully meet all the critical demands of the day. Only in this manner could they hope to produce a translation which would merit the esteem of the Anglo-Saxon world, and be by its own intrinsic value *the* Authorized English Bible. And be it remembered, there can be no steps backward. The present Revision may be revised, but the old can never be resuscitated. Already the new is appearing in nonconforming pulpits, and taking the position so long occupied by the old; and therefore, to suppose that the Church of England can cling to the old, and refuse all favor to the new, is to suppose that she is indifferent to the value of a strictly accurate translation of the Word of God—a supposition which cannot possibly be maintained. No, the Church of England led the way in the past; and we trust will do so to the end. And if the storms of well-nigh three centuries have swept over her since first she moved in the matter of the Authorized Version, she will be found now only the more competent to take her ancient place in giving to the world at large a pure and accurate copy of God's inspired truth.