

THE HYMN OF HABAKKUK.

[The following is an attempt to present this composition in the dress of English verse. It will be observed that where the version in our Bibles does not convey the idea of the original properly, we have assumed the emendations brought out in the exposition given above.]

God came from Teman, and
the Holy One from mount
Paran. Selah.

His glory covered the heavens,
and the earth was full
of his praise. And his brightness
was as the light [the
sun]; he had horns [rays]
coming out of his hand [from
him]: and there was the hiding
of his power.

Before him went the pestilence,
and burning coals
[plague] went forth at his
feet [behind him.]

He stood and measured the
earth: he beheld and drove
asunder the nations; and
the everlasting mountains
were scattered, the perpetual
hills did bow. I saw
the tents of Cushan in affliction:
and the curtains of the
land of Midian did tremble.
Was the Lord displeased against
the rivers? was thine
anger against the rivers? was
thy wrath against the sea,

From Paran hill Jehovah came;
From Teman, Israel's Holy One.

(Pause.)

Then glorious did he make his name,
And wonders by his hand were done,
Refulgent, like the sun, he beamed,
A radiance from his presence streamed—
Excessive in its blaze, that light
Veiled, while it showed, the Lord of might.
Before him passed, on wings of gloom,
His messenger, the dread Simoom;
And close behind his footsteps came
The Pestilence, with breath of flame.
He stood and looked. Before his look
The nations were asunder driven;
The everlasting mountains shook;
The hoary hills were riven.

—I saw the tents of Cush dismayed,
And Midian's curtains were afraid.
—Was the Lord wroth against the sea?
Wast thou displeased at Jordan's tide,