

original represented by the same word in the English. I cannot too strongly recommend the use of the Revised Version. Study no passage of Scripture without it. It will give more correct views in some places and fuller and clearer views everywhere.

At Family Prayers and in my private reading I use a Parallel Bible, reading the Revised column and casting my eye upon the Authorized to note the variations. This practice too I cannot too strongly recommend.

#### GENERAL VIEWS.

While accuracy in details is essential to profitable study it is not, of itself, sufficient? The Bible should receive general as well as particular study. Too many students dwell on their favourite books and chapters and neglect the rest. And even in their favourite passages they fix their thoughts too much on isolated words and sentences. They seem to think that the division into chapters and verses is inspired as well as the substance. Whereas originally there were neither verses nor chapters. The transitions from one topic to another were marked by no outward sign. It follows that each book should be studied in its general purpose as well as in its particular statements. No verse, no chapter, should be studied apart from its context. And in such cases small words like *and*, *or*, *but*, and *then*, often are all-important. Here again the Revised Version will be a great help. For it not only divides the books into paragraphs; it is also scrupulously accurate in its rendering of the connecting words. The verse may give a striking phase of the truth. The paragraph gives the whole truth in its fulness. It is only when you have mastered the paragraph or the section that you can see the full force and beauty of the separate truths of which it is composed. They will then appear not like individual flowers, detached from their stem and without any background, however beautiful they may be, but like a bed of flowers, beautiful individually and surpassingly beautiful in combination, the glory of the whole garden in which they grow, their own glory enhanced by the sunlight and azure of heaven.

#### TOPICS.

By a natural transition we pass on to consider what may be called topical study. If we study a subject in one author it is only natural that we should compare it with the same subject in another author. We shall thus find a marvellous oneness of substance with an equally marvellous variety of details. Truth, in