

what we have here is an adaptation, an exhortation to faith in the word, a word of easy access whether in the law or in the Gospel. He spiritualises. Is he not entitled to do so? Kuenen's objection lies in this, that the Old Testament passage had no proper or distinct reference to the resurrection of Christ. But we answer, it has an admirable description of a main characteristic of saving faith. That is a sufficient justification of the Apostle. A quotation evidently may have various purposes. It may be cited as evidential, or again as didactic. But if a writer wishes to prove that no citations are properly evidential, he should deal with such a passage as John xix. 24, or with Isa. lii. 13 to liii. 12. An attack on a didactic quotation should aim at showing that a common element of instruction is lacking as between the two passages. Nor is it to the point to show us that features have been omitted or added. Naturally so, where the instruction involves an element of analogy. We leave the reader to look out both references for himself.

But not content with charging New Testament writers with an alteration of the sense of the passages they quote, one accuses them of interpreting, sometimes at least, according to *mere sound*, without troubling themselves about the connection of the ideas or the standpoint of the original writers, in short, unhistorically. These last words will strike our reader as an anti-climax. If they are guided merely by sound, their quotations must be childish, not simply unhistoric. Yet we are not ungrateful for this last word, because it helps us to understand our critic's difficulty. But let us first take into consideration what he conceives to be a very strong instance of this quotation by mere sound. In Hebrews ii. 11-13 the writer arguing is for the perfect humanity of our Lord, and hence for His intimate oneness with His people. "For," he says, "both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one : for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare Thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation will I sing Thy praise." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children which God hath given me."