

power. May the eye of the great Shepherd be upon this portion of His vineyard, and His glory be displayed in them and by them! I was peculiarly interested and gratified in this visit to Durham, and have no doubt that we shall soon have there a fine, flourishing Church—a city set upon a hill.

Gleanings.

SEBASTOPOL AND ARMAGEDDON.

The following letter from the Rev. Dr. Cumming of London, in answer to a letter sent him respecting his interpretation of the Word "Armageddon," appears in the *Morning Chronicle*:—

"The word in Greek is made up of *sebastos*, august, and *polis*, a city,—Sebastopol, 'august city.' The Hebrew word Armageddon is made up of *aar*, a city, and *magad*, august, the *on* final being formative. I do not say, and did not say, that Sebastopol, with its terrible slaughter, is the great war of Armageddon, but this great war seems between the sixth and seventh vials, our present place in prophecy; and in all probability it is the beginning of that war, the duration and havoc of which will be terrible."

The Rev. Dr. Eadie of Glasgow has sent the following communication on the subject to the Editor of the *Daily Mail*:

"SIR,—I have seen two letters in your paper recently,—the one a question, and the other a reply,—as to the meaning of the words Armageddon and Sebastopol. Dr. Cumming affirms that the names are the same in import. Perhaps it may be worth while simply to state the matter. Armageddon, then, is neither more nor less than 'the hill of Megiddo.' Sebastopol again, is not 'august city,' but simply 'the city of Augustus.' The first syllable of Armageddon is not *ar*, a city, but *har*, a hill; the feeble Hebrew aspirate being lost, as usual, when the word is written or spelled in Greek. The name Sebastopol was formed according to the prevailing custom. There had already been Constantinople, or the city of Constantine; Adrianople, or the city of Adrian; and, following the analogy, the imperial founder of the naval fortress called it Sebastopol, or the city of Augustus,—*Sebastos* being the Greek representative of the Latin *Augustus*. If we pronounce the name as the modern Greeks do, by the accentuation and not by the old classical quantity, its last syllable would soon be spelled as that of the two more ancient cities. Megiddo has been a frequent battle-field from the days of Barah to those of the elder Bonaparte, and therefore fitly furnished a symbolic name to the writer of the Apocalypse. Baseless philology must necessarily lead to fantastic prediction."

[We suppose few of our readers need to be informed, that Dr. Eadie is Professor of Biblical Literature to the U. P. Church, and one of the most distinguished Orientalists in Scotland.]

BIBLES FOR THE SEAT OF WAR.

We understand, the Committee of the Edinburgh Bible Society are now in the course of sending supplies of Bibles and Testaments to the Crimea and the hospitals at Scutari, for distribution, under the superintendence of the chaplains sent out from Scotland, in connection with the Established Church and Free Church.—Although large numbers of Scriptures have already been forwarded to the army from various quarters, there is still, we believe, a great demand, especially among the Highland brigade, for Bibles with the Scotch Psalms, and Gaelic Scriptures, which the present effort of the Edinburgh Bible Society is intended to meet.—*Edinburgh Witness*.

YOUTHFUL GALLANTRY.

Washington, when quite young was about to go to sea as midshipman; every thing was arranged, the vessel lay opposite his father's house, the little boat had come on shore to take him off, and his whole heart was bent on going. After his trunk had been carried down to the boat, he went to bid his mother farewell, and