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PREFACE.

Some one will ask me, why have you written this in English. In truth, I myself do not know. I did so without premeditation, driven instinctively by the gratitude which I owe to the English publishers and patrons of my Hebrew New Testament.

And should one ask, what is the aim of these pages, I answer: firstly, they will afford a glimpse into the work, of which the Hebrew N. T. is the fruit. Secondly, they show what instructive results have proceeded therefrom for Hebrew grammar, especially syntax.

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In a forgotten book, entitled Wissenschaft, Kunst, Judenthum, I issued in the year 1838 St. Paul's hymn on love 1 Cor. XIII, translated into Hebrew, as a specimen of a new Hebrew version of the New Testament. After laborious and expensive preparations, which were aided chiefly by the Bavarian and Norwegian brethren, I published in 1870 as a larger specimen of the work the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. Many years I sought for a publisher of the whole, who would take upon himself the expense of publishing and provide for its circulation. At last the British and Foreign Bible Society lent me its helpful hand, and having obtained such a powerful and generous protection, the new translation went through the press and forthwith enjoyed God's wonderful blessing. It was completed in the spring of 1877. The text, followed there, is substantially that of the Sinaitic codex, with the principal variations of the Textus Receptus in brackets. But I soon felt, that a text formed by myself alone could not be exempt from individual arbitrariness, and that it was more natural to base the translation on the Receptus and to supplement it with critical remarks. After half a year a second edition became necessary, which I based on these principles; it bears the date of 1878. Only two years later, in 1880, a third edition appeared, in a larger form. Even the copies of this third were quickly exhausted, and already in October of the same year I prepared at Berlin with my never to be forgotten friend, the late Rev. Palmer DAVIES, a fourth electrotyped edition. The text had now to be definitively settled and the work demanded redoubled care. I revised it a third time and was successfully aided by the Rev. S. R. Driver, now Pusey's successor as Professor of Hebrew at Oxford. Each of these editions represents, as I hope, a new degree of approximation to the ideal, which even in the fourth electrotyped edition of 1882 is still not attained. Therefore I was agreeably surprised, when Mr. James WATT, the successor of the late Davies, informed me, that the 5000 copies of the fourth edition were sold without any remaining. In truth, God has abundantly blessed our work. Far from priding myself, I acknowledge on the contrary the merits of my fellow-labourers, among whom are also not a small We have cause to say, that our new number of Jewish friends. translation has contributed somewhat to bring the New Testament nearer to the Jews as a prominent work of their literature. In a letter to D^r Rahmer at Magdeburg I declared the New Testament to be the highest work that the Jewish genius has produced. He remarks in his Literaturblatt (1879 No 9), that this statement is relatively true, and D^r Immanuel Deutsch in his review there owns, that form and matter, contents and dress, are productions of the Hebrew spirit and of Hebrew intuition.

In the revision of the text for the fifth edition I thought myself at first restricted to slight emendations in the plates, but when I was in Berlin and Messrs. WATT and SHARP heard that I should like to make some more material corrections, they proposed it to the Committee and Rev. W^m WRIGHT wrote me, March 6.: "The Committee are much pleased to hear of the pains you are taking to make the fifth edition as perfect as possible, and they very cordially sanction any necessary outlay in the completion of the plates".

Consequently the fifth edition is revised more than superficially. I pass over in silence all the corrections concerning unavoidable typographical faults, as disfigurement of letters or defects as to vowels and signs, and I give only an account of the grammatical and stilistic emendations, by which, as I hope, this edition differs advantageously from the former.

Matth. IX. 21 הָלָרָה בְּקָרְבָה (or she said within herself. Changed to כר אמרה בְּלָבָה, because אמר בקרב is without support in the biblical Hebrew. I may here remark once for all, that in

- Matth. XI. 5. רְעָרָהָים מְרָשָׂרֵי רְשׁרְעָה הֵם *and the poor have the gospel preached to them*. I have corrected מְחָבַּשְׂרֵי (as in the translation of Luk. VII. 22), because the biblical Hebrew employs not the *Pual* but the *Hithpaël* in this passive sense of εὐαγγε-λίζεσθαι, see 2 Sam. XVIII. 31.
- Matth. XI. 7 הַכָּר לְרָבֶּר לְרָבָר לָהָם וְרַשׁׁרְעַ הַהָּל לְרָבֵר לָבָבר Jesus began to say. I thought for some time to prefer וַרָּהָר הַרָּבָר הַהַל בַשּׁרָע But the syntactic scheme of temporal coincidence like 1 Sam. IX. 11. 1 Kings XIV. 17 al. is here in the right place, for as soon as the messengers of John went away Jesus began to vindicate before the people the honour of the Baptist. Together with the synchronistic construction I retained also the ethic dative of the synchronistic construction I the biblical Hebrew likes better לָהָם sin 1 Sam. XXVI. 12, although the biblical Hebrew likes better לָהָם (in French: *il s'en est allé*). Instances of the plural of the ethic dative of the 3. pers. are Ps. LXVI. 7. LXXX. 7, but not Job VI. 19 (Müller-Robertson's *Hebren Syntax* § 51, 3); there is in my opinion dative of the object, referring to בתלים.
- Matth. XI. 18 כָּשׁ־בּוֹ שֵׁה *he has a devil*. I have preferred שֵׁה *a devil* (demon) *is in him*, for שֹׁי makes the impression of an emphasis, which is foreign to the original.

- Matth. XVI. 24 אָם־רָדְשִׂלָ אָם אָם *if any man will*. The revised text has אָרשׁ like Lev. XXVII. 2. It sounds more biblical.
- Matth. XVII. 5 רְלֹאְמֶר. The reader will refer that to God: and he said like Ezek. II. 1. But the meaning is that the heavenly voice said. Therefore now is written אֹמֵר. At the same time I have remodelled the following verse.
- Matth. XVII. 6 רְכָשָׁמֹעֵ זֹאָת הַתַּלְמִירִים כָּפְּלי *ciples heard it, they fell*.. This construction follows the pattern of the Chronicler 2 Chr. XV. 8. But the stress lies there upon להבססי; I have therefore preferred the more classical construction ווַיָּשְׁמִירִים וַיִפְּלָמִירִים . Consequently the expression of the object by איז זאת ould be dispensed with just as in the original text.¹
- Matth. XVII. 11 הלן, rather הבה, which more clearly hints that it must be explained: *Elias shall first come*. Indeed המדיק corresponds better to the Greek שביע, but it is of more importance that by הנה the following המדי is better characterised as participle according to the Epyeral of the original text.
- Matth. XVII. 20 רְעָהָ לֹא הָהָאָרַקָּהָם. The Elzevirian text has dià דאָ מֹתוסדוֹמי because of your unbelief. The Hebrew of the 4th edition, taken from Num. XX. 12, will be understood historically: because you have not believed. Therefore I have substituted הַקַּרֵי אָשֶׁר אֵינְהֶם מַאַמִינִים
- Matth. XX. 6 הַאָרָה עֶשְׂרָה שָׁשָׁה about the eleventh hour. The expression corresponds to that used in the computation of years Ezek. XXX. 20. XXVI. 1. Jer. XXXIX. 2, and months Deut. I. 3; השׁנ or in this case is accusative of determination, see Müller-Robertson's Hebrew Syntax § 100 comp. 44. But in statements of the hours the construction בָּשְׁבָה עֲשָׁרָה צַשְׁרָה III. 29. Est. III. 7 seemed in v. 6 as well as in v. 9 preferable. After

¹⁾ Prof. Driver wrote me: "I find very few instances (Josh. XXII. 24. Jer. IX. 11. Ps. XCII. 7) of אתדואת after שמע etc., indeed none at all in a large part of the historical books: where there is not some distinct emphasis on the דמטֿדמ etc., might אתדואת perhaps be omitted? or even sometimes altogether?" The passage remodelled above is of this latter sort.

the style of the Mishna must be said בְּשָׁרֵה שָׁעוֹת, for there הַשָּׁרָה signifies at two o'clock, הַשָּׁתָר שָׁעוֹת or simply or simply at three o'clock, Sanhedrin V. 3. Berachoth 4^a; שָׁלוֹש the whole fifth hour, שָׁשׁ of the sixth, Pesachim I. 4; בְּשָׁמְנֶה וּמֶחֲצָה half past eight, Pesachim V. 1.

- Matth. XX. 10 הַרְבָּמְשָׁם *they supposed*. I have added הְרָקַמָּשָׁם as more conformable to the narrative. In the speech XXIV. 44 הַמָּד, to imagine' needs no addition.
- Matth. XX. 34 הפּתאֹם רָאוֹ *and immediately their eyes received sight*. That און does not express exactly the force of the Greek ανέβλεψαν; our revised text substitutes ופראם הָחֵלּוּ צֵינֵיהָם לָרָאוֹת.
- Matth. XXI. 1 אל־הַר הַוּיָרִים unto the mount of Olives. The Elzevirian text shows πρός (not εἰς); I have now expressed it by אָבָל אָנע without changing Mark. XI. 1. Luk. XIX. 29. where אָבָל stands still unaltered. The preposition אצל does not exclude the site of the village on the slope of the mountain.
- Matth. XXIV. 43 אָשָׁר לוּ־רָדֹעַ רְדָע לָכָם אֲשָׁר לוּ־רָדֹעַ רָדַע גע גע but know this, that if . . had known. The biblical usage exhibits בִּע לָדָ Job V. 27., but not רעו לכם רעו לכם comp. above on Matth. XI. 7). For this reason I have chosen to write אישר לו־רָדַע without the *inf. intensivus*, for the Greek text has simple ɛl ลู้อัย.
- Matth. XXVII. 46 אֵלָהי אֱלָהי, Changed into אֵלָהי אָלָר אָלָי, because אָלִ אָלָ of the Receptus is here as well authenticated as ἐλωΐ ἐλωΐ of the same Mark. XV. 34.
- Matth. XXVII. 51 הְשַׁלְכָה from the top. The biblical idiom knows only מַלְמַדְּלָה above and הְלְמַדְּלָה from above. Thus I have corrected. Mark. VII. 3 הְלָמַדְלָה with the fist. I have removed this translation of the Erasmian and Elzevirian reading πυγμη,¹ because it is

¹⁾ Erasmus in his editions has in the Greek text $\pi \circ \gamma \mu \tilde{\eta}$, in the Latin version *crebro* like the Vulgate (after the reading $\pi \circ z \nu \dot{a}$), whence Tyndale *often*, Luther *manchmal*. Westcott and Hort acknowledge $\pi \circ \gamma \mu \tilde{\eta}$ as the original reading, which, owing to its obscurity, has been variously altered and translated.



incompatible with the Jewish rite of washing the hands. I thought for a moment, that $\pi \circ \gamma \mu \tilde{\gamma}$ might correspond to the rabbinical $\pi \doteq \tilde{\gamma}$ (*Chullin* 107^a), which excludes the use of aqueduct-water and requires the application of manly strength. But at last it seemed to me more probable, that the Greek writer of the gospel had in mind $\mu = \alpha s$ far as the wrist, a phrase common in the statutes of hand-washing. If that expresses the true sense, $\pi \circ \gamma \mu \dot{\gamma}$ indicates the whole hand from the fingers' end to the lower end of the fore-arm.¹ The text, thus translated, accords with the law, while the former translation $\Xi \times \Xi \times \Xi \times \Xi$ was senseless and offensive.

- Mark. VII. 4 המשוח *and of couches*. Statutes, concerning the washing of beds (xλινῶν), are unknown. I have now put this ומשוח into round brackets, which indicate what the Revised English Version says in the margin: "Many ancient authorities add *and couches*". The addition is wanting in the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus.
- Mark. XII. 38 רְאָת־שְׁלוֹמָם *and salutations*. Here after the Makkeph האָלוֹמָם (comp. the forms Job VI. 8. Ps. CVI. 15) in the 4th edition had fallen out, it is now inserted in conformity with Matth. XXIII. 7. Luk. XI. 43.
- Mark. XIII. 12 and children shall rise up אָל־אָבוֹתָם. I have now preferred באבותם conformably to the fundamental passage Micah VII. 6 compare Sota IX. 15.
- Luk. X, 28 גְּתְלֶה and thou shalt live. This form with Segol in pausa is received by Baer Prov. IV. 4. VII. 2., but most

readers would think it a misprint, therefore I have written with Zere like Gen. XX. 7.

- John VIII. 53 לְמִי תְּהֵן אֶת־עַצְמָה *mhom makest thou thyself?* I have now preferred מַה־תַּצָשָׁה את־עַצמך as more intelligible. The former rendering followed the construction Is. XLII. 6. Comp. *Jalkut* Ezek. XXVIII. 2 where it is said to the king of . Tyre: אתה עושה עצמך אלוה.
- Act. II. 15 הַי שָׁלָרשׁרת לַיּוֹם *it is the third hour of the day*. I have preferred בַּיּוֹם as more according to Ps. XC. 4^b and to the usage of the Mishna e. gr. שְׁלָרִשׁ *the second of the month, Sanhedrin* V. 3. אָדָר בַּשֵׁבָּה *the first day of the week, Taanith* 27^b.
- Act. IV. 17 לְמַעָּך הָאָרָרָהָ הַהָּבְר וְיִפְרֹץ בָּעָם *that it spread no further among the people*. I have transposed בָּיָם וְיִפְרֹץ so that no one should think of the phrase בּרץ בָּ ,to break into or ,to urge'.
- Act. VII. 58 הְפָשׁׁרטוּ אָת־בָּגְרֵיהָם laid down their clothes. I have preferred the Kal פָּשָׁטוּ as more exactly the idiom of the Bible and Mishna 1 Sam. XIX. 24. Ezek. XLIV. 19. Joma III. 4. 6 and throughout; פשרטר signifies stripping off oneself, הפשטה (n. actionis of the Hiphil) stripping off another.
- Act. VIII. 18 המג *given*, in the Greek δίδοται. I have changed the participle into the 3. preter. כָּקָד.
- Act. IX. 38 הַעָּבֹר אָלֵיהָם *to come to them.* After הַאָּלֵיהָם the negative הַשָּׁבֹר אָלֵיָהָם seemed more significant. But the alteration is of questionable merit, and there was no need to depart from the type Judg. XVIII. 9.
- Act. XIV. 2 גָּגָר הָאַחִים *against the brethren*. After הכיניס without doubt the preposition של is better and quite intelligible. In the postbiblical literature כְּעָס עָל is frequent for ,to be angry at one', e. gr. *Aboda zara* 54^b.
- Act. XXI. 24 (23) אֲשֶׁר כָרְרוּ לְהָם כָּרָר לְהָם הַיּשׁר מיט *which have a vow on them.* This לְהָם is the worst dativus ethicus which I had admitted; for everywhere ל after כרר denotes the person to whom

one makes the vow. The correct rendering, which indeed corresponds more closely to the Greek text, is אָשֶׁר נֶכֶר עֲלֵרְהָם (Num. XXX. 7. Ps. LVI. 13).

- Rom. V. 1 אַדָּקָכר האָדַקָּכר being justified. Instead of the Hophal, which is not biblical, I have put יִצְהַקְטוּ after Dan. VIII. 14.
- Rom. VII. 5 אָלָרְרָרוּ עַל־יְדֵי הָתוֹרָה *which were stirred* up through the law. The Nithpaël is unnecessary, הַתְעוררו signifies the same (Job XVII. 8).
- Rom. VIII. 20 לְּמַשָּה לֹבְשׁ אֹחָה by reason of him who has subjected it. I have prefixed the article to the participle, which does not need it, when a determination follows (Ps. LVII. 3, Am. IX. 12. Cant. VII. 5), but, followed by אֹחָה as well as by Ezek. XXI. 19 the article can scarcely be omitted and the
 - construct state is in this case inadmissible; אָשָׁרְתֵר אֹתִר Jer. XXXIII. 22 is a unique anomaly (Müller-Robertson, *Hebrew* Syntax § 73).
- Rom. XI, 6 הַמַּעֲשָׁה יָהְוּל לְהְרוֹת מַעֲשָׁה work is no more work. A similar case is Act. IX. 38. The change מְקרוֹת after 1 Kings XV. 21 was not necessary, but it agrees better with the later style (see the article הרל in Kimchi's Lexicon) and with the aramaic type (מָלְמָהֵנֶר) Trg. Gen. XVIII. 11 Targ.).
- 2 Cor. VII. 11 בָּרָבְר *in this matter*. I have added הַתּהוּא. On the contrary I could not decide to change בְּרָבָר Matth. VIII, 16 into הִדְרָבָר, because the meaning of λόγφ is ,only by virtue of a word", comp. Is. XXIX. 21.
- 2 Cor. VII. 12 הְּבָּלֶה *might appear*. Changed into הְבָּלֶה in congruity with φανερωθη̃ναι.
- 2 Cor. VII. 15 המוי לכם and his inward affection is more abundant loward you. I think: הְרִיוֹחֵר וֹהְרִיוֹחֵר is much better.
- 2 Cor. VIII. 3 רְיוֹחֵר מָל־פֹּחָם *and beyond their power.* וְיוֹחֵר says the same more plainly.
- 2 Cor. VIII. 22 אָאָמִים הַרְבָּה *oftentimes*. The biblical Hebrew says always always , now presented by the revised text.

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- Gal. I. 14 לְקַבְּלוֹת אֲבוֹתִי of the traditions of my fathers. Having long disliked the form קַבְּלוֹת, I have now acknowledged it as alone regular, just as סַכְּנוֹת (dangers) 2 Cor. XI. 26.
- Gal. V. 1 לְהַנְקָשׁ be entangled. I have now preferred לְהַנְקָשׁ, as reminding of מוֹקשׁ snare, although the one form is as free from objection as the other, comp. Deut. XII. 30 with VII. 25.
- Eph. I. 20 בְּהַאָּרִרוֹ מָן־הַמֵּתִים וַיּוֹשָׁב אֹתוֹ *when he raised him from the dead and set him*. . I regard now בְּהַאִיר אֹתוֹ מִן-הַצָּהָיִם מָּ better and nearer the Greek.
- Eph. I. 22 אָשָׁר רֹאשׁ עֵל־הַכֹּל כְתָכוֹ *is head over all things*. I have inserted הוא after הוא after ואיז אשר The English Version (unaltered by the revisors) follows another manner of construction: and gave him to be head etc.
- Eph: III. אלהים הַמַּפְלֵאת הְרָכֶיהָ *the manifold* (πολυποίκιλος) *wisdom of God.* The form מַפְלֵאי is analogous to peut. XXX. **11**, but less doubtful, as to the Hiphil, is the form הַבַּפְלִיאָה
- Eph. III. 17 בְּשָׁרָשׁׁרם *rooted*. The biblical Hebrew uses in the sense of taking root the Poël Is. XL. 24 and in the sense of being rooted the Poal Jer. XII. 2., I have therefore substituted בִּשׁׁרָשִׁים.
- Eph. V. 33 הַזָּהֵר לִירֹא *let her see that she fear*.. The infinitive of יְרָאָה Josh. XXII. 25, mostly יְרָאָה, with 'once ' 1 Sam. XVIII. 29., elsewhere always לְרָאָה, but exclusively in reference to God. Consequently ליראה was inapplicable, לֵרֹא would be too affected, לִירֹא is without precedent, I escaped all difficulty by writing הִזָּהֵר וְתִירָא.
- Phil. II. 15 הַהּוֹר אַכֵּלָש *in the midst of a crooked* . . *nation*. הוֹר instead of הוֹר (without article) was a misprint.
- Phil. II. 21 יְדָרשׂרָ*ז they seek*. I have given up the emphatic form Is. LVIII. 2 and reestablished the regular form of the pause יָרָרשׁוּ (*jidrôšu*), which needs no strengthening.
- 1 Thess. II. 2 אָבָּרְהָר *we had suffered*. The 1. pers. sing. is אָבָּרְהָר Ps. CXIX. 71. Hence אָבָּרְהָר seemed to be preferable, perhaps

without sufficient ground, because the Chirek is protected by Is. LVIII. 3., see Böttcher, Lehrbuch der Hebr. Sprache II pag. 410.

- 1 Tim. VI. 20 הַפַּרִיוֹת הַמַּרָע הַפּגָיוֹת ס*ppositions of science falsely so called*. I have now written הַפָּרִיות מוֹן. relat. from הַפָּרִיות ווּשָרָית מוֹן inversion. The old Syriac version has here הּפֹבּאון ס, the plural of הَפֹבאון ה
- Hebr. IV. 13 לְעָרְנָרְבָעָל הְבָרִינוּ The meaning of the words προς ον ήμῖν ὁ λόγος, which I have rendered by גבעל דברינו questionable¹; mỹ interpretation agrees with the English version, which runs here thus: unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. בעל דברים Ex. XXIV. 13 is the name of him who has a judicial matter to do with another. I suppose that the author had this phrase in mind. But I have supplied it with the suffix in an unjustifiable manner. The suffix belongs to the whole notion, therefore געל דברים, the suffix belongs to the whole notion, therefore בעל דברים, just as in the Talmud Mezia 14^a: בעל דברים דידי גת , comp. Kamma 46^b.
- Hebr. IX. 28 שָׁאָה *וֹ*שָׁאָה *וֹסָשׁר to bear*. Rather שָׁאָה because שָׁאָה is only in אָשָׁאָה בָּשָׁאָה , בִּשְׁאָה , בִּשְׁאָה , בִּשְׁאָה , בִּשְׁאָה ,

¹⁾ The Hebrew N. T. of the London Society has \neg_{i} \neg_{i} \neg_{i} That is literal, but suggests a false idea, as appears by comparison of 1 Kings II. 14. 2 Kings IX. 5. Judg. III. 20. The best interpretation. which is as much justified by the context as by the Greek use of language (see Cremer's *Wörterbuch der neutest. Grücitüt* pag. 502), is Calvin's: *qui nobiscum agit vel cum quo nobis est negotium*, accepted by Joseph B. M'Caul (in his Commentary 1871): "with whom we have to do". $\lambda \acute{o}\gamma \mathrel{o}\varsigma$ in this phrase signifies a judicial relation, having two sides; the meaning is that God is our judge and that we are responsible to him. Therefore I have rendered it by a forensic phrase of classical Hebrew.

- 1 Petr. I. 13 קרה קרה קרה קרה בזין and hope perfectly (τελείως). I am now informed, that the *infini* intensivus, when combined with an imperative, always follows it, therefore קרה קרה קרה, differently from Ps. XL. 2, see Gesenius-Kautzsch § 131, 3^b.
- 1 Petr. IV. 15 הָּרָאָהָ אָישׁ מִכֶּם כְּרֹאָה But let none of you suffer as a murderer. The particles כי אל are scarcely to be found together, I have written רָק אל־ like Ex. VIII. 25.
- Revel. IX. 17 אַשֶׁר וְשִׁרְיֹנוֹתֵיהָם *having breastplates*. The must be blotted out.
- Revel. XI. 18 קְצָקָּ *thy wrath*. I have preferred קצָקּד according to Ps. XXXVIII. 2. The Chirek arises in the pause by dissimilation: יְקַצְפָּד Ps. CII. 11.

I have already said that the correct use of רפה and רפה was not possible without thinking of the Hebrew text as throughout accented. Constant care has been bestowed also upon מלא and הסר, that is, plena or defectiva scriptio. The orthography of the text has been settled in such a manner that it may present an appearance similar to the text of the O. T., which e. g. exhibits הלרים, but always לווים and with only one exception לוים. Instead of לאמי only three times is written לאמיר. The active participle is more often written without ז than with it e. g. always לפל, לכל, אבל איבר and at least more frequently אבל איבר, אבל איבל, איבל, צמר, צמר sometimes however the writing varies indifferently as בֹּרָם; בֹּנִים, רוֹרְעָים ; בוֹנִים, רוֹרְעָים. The infinitive of Kal follows the same orthography: אָאָכוֹל is never found, שָׁמוֹעַ scarcely, almost always שָׁמוֹעַ. Double in the same word as Action occurs sometimes, but predominantly the writing seeks to avoid it, so that e. g. ritin is found only twice. It is a rule to write מצוח, מצוח (comp. 2 Cor. VIII. 14 , and to write either גָרוֹלית or even גָרוֹלית, not הַרּוֹלוֹת, גִרוֹלוֹת, גִרוֹלוֹת, גִרוֹלוֹת, אַרוֹלוֹת, ג

A serious error in the London translation was לְאֶלֹהִים (to God) and and (in God), which signify ,to the heathen gods' Ex. XXII. 19 and "among the gods" Ps. LXXXVIII. 7, instead of בַּאלֹהִים, לָאלֹהִים which is the only form allowable. It is also worthy of note, that the O. T. Hebrew says לָאַרֹנֶיהָ, לָארֹנֶיהָ, but לָאַרֹנֶיה, וָאָרנינוּ, וָאַרֹנֵיה. As to the form מַתְּנָתוֹ *his gift* Rom. V. 15. 1 Cor. VII. 7., I have queried till now, whether it has need of being altered into into מַתְּנָתוֹ or not. At last, I have resolved to retain מַתְּנָתוֹ the analogy of מַתְּנָתוֹ מַתְּנָתוֹ מַתְּנָתוֹ but along with the form מַתְּנָתוֹ a more aramaic form מַתְנָתוֹ can be supposed, whence jup, like מַתְנָתוֹ מַתְנָתוּ מַתַּנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתּנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתְנָתוּ מַתּנָתוּ מַתּנָתוּ

There were in the fourth edition but few misprints in punctuation, these are now corrected, viz. אָקְנֶכָּה Matth. IV. 9 instead of instead of לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר ; לָקָרָר ; אָקְנֶנָה Iuk. VI. 45 instead of לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר זוּstead of instead of לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר ; לְכָרָר זוּגעוּד I Cor. XV. 12 instead of וְסְנָרְלִים ; לְכָרָר ; הְכָתָרָלים I Cor. XV. 12 instead of הְסְנָרְלִים I John IV. 3 instead of Two oversights in the consonants are noted above, Phil. II. 15 and Revel. IX. 17.

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A great difficulty is occcasioned to the translator by the notion of doubting and its Greek expressions. The language of the Mishna offers הָסָפָק and הְסָפָק (Targ. מְסָפָק) not of doubting persons 1, but of dubious things. This adjective was applicable in rendering under διαχρινόμενος James I. 6 by בָּבְלָר סָפֵק, that is, indubitably, yet the following & yap diaxpivouevos requires a verb which signifies the action of doubting, because הַמְסָפָּק would signify a man of dubious character, not a doubter. I have written בַּעָל סָפָן a man who entertains doubts. In Matth. XXI. 21 if ye have faith and doubt not the translation אָם־תִּהְיֵה לָכֵם אֵמוּנָה וָאֵין־סָפֵּק בָּה would mean: if nothing dubious is in it, that is, if your faith is genuine. Also is useless, because the opinion that the biblical απαξ γεγραμμένον אָפּוּנָה Ps. LXXXVIII. 16 signifies I am doubtful starts from the false supposition, that arise derived from the Therefore I have ventured to use here the Reflexive particle 19. as an equivalent of Siaxpíves dai to doubt after the manner

¹⁾ The only passage of the old literature, where ספס has the sense of personal action, is Job XXXIV. 37 Trg.: בְּרָנָא, which seems to signify: he excites doubts, he shakes the faith by doubts.

of the later Hebrew¹, the same verb, which Phil. IV. 11 renders after the Tahnudic use the Greek $a \delta \tau a \rho x \eta \varsigma$ eival to be satisfied. In two passages $\rho g \sigma$ was applicable, see Mark. XI. 23. Rom. XIV. 23; in four others, Rom. IV. 20. James II. 4. Matth. XIV. 31. XXVIII. 17 I have applied Hosea's $\rho g \sigma$ *their heart is* divided (X. 2) and in two others the translation was easy, because there *,without doubt*' is the same as *without tarrying* Act. X. 20. XI. 12. By this it appears that it is impracticable to translate a Greek word everywhere by the same Hebrew word. The one $\chi \alpha \rho \iota \varsigma$ for example comprehends the significations of $\eta \sigma \sigma$ (John I. 17), $\eta \sigma$ (Luk. I. 30) and $\eta \tau \sigma \sigma$ (Rom. VI. 17).

The equivalent of λειτουργία in the sense of worship is τχάτη e. g. Luk. I. 23 (different from χάττη the word for δουλεία); yet there are passages e. g. Hebr. VIII. 6 where it could not be used. There only ματά was in place, the word that elsewhere e. g. 2 Cor. IX. 12 expresses the Greek διαχονία. Also this διαχονία cannot be always translated by the same word. The Hebrew name of the deacon is ψφψ (Phil. I. 1 and 1 Tim.), of the deaconess τ φψφψ (Rom. XVI. 1), the *n. actionis* ψφφψ is employed Act. XII. 25 and even VI. 4 where many general second not so suitable. So although the word \mathbf{v} is employed for χόσμος in 1 John II. 15, in 1 John II. 16. 17 it seemed liable to misinterpretation. The principle, that, when the context and meaning is similar, uniformity ought to be carried through, has been from the first my standard. I fear however, that even in the fifth edition there still occurs some fluctuation in the rendering of certain words. Yet on the other

1) E. g. in § 2 of the first chapter of Jore Deah (Tur and Schulchan aruch): על דבר זה הייתי מסתפק ושואל, in this case being uncertain I will ask", and in the code Mordechai where the recapitulation of Chullin begins: על דבר זה הייתי מסתפקין להו כמה מילתא בהלכות שהיטה, the learned men were in doubt about many things in the statutes of cattle slaughtering", comp. Samuel Hanagid in his הוא הילמוד מיסתפקי מון (the Talmudic non liquet): היקר הלכה נות שיסתפקי התלמוד בשום דבר הלכה (Hilchoth Schemá II. 13) he was doubtful. The Hebrew of the middle age says not only of things, but also of persons: מסקק הוא side the critic must beware of rashness and pedantry. Sometimes where no reason for the varying expression can be discovered, the translator may be guided by his exceptical or stylistic feeling, which asserts a claim to the acknowledgement of its relative right.

In closing I may refer to several passages, the translation of which has suggested weighty questions about Hebrew syntax. An opportunity is thereby afforded to make public some interesting portions of Professor Driver's correspondence, containing the results of his critical examination of the carlier editions.

- Matth. II. 1 רְאָבאָר מְזָרָח רְרוּשָׁלָיְמָה *there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem*. The biblical Hebrew says sometimes רוּיָשַלִיָמָה or רוּשָׁלָים, but mostly the bare accusative רְרוּשָׁלָיָמָה without the mark of direction. "I notice — S. R. Driver says — that in O. T. the names of places, especially well known ones, occur usually after verbs of motion without ה *locale;* this I have observed particularly in the historical books". The observation is correct: accordingly the ה locale in the later editions is employed only occasionally where clearness and rhythm seemed to demand it.
- Matth. II. 22 הְשָׁהְעוֹם Eut when he heard . . being afraid to go thither he was warned in a dream. Many readers may expect rather he was warned construction designedly does not follow the type of Gen. XXVII. 34, but of 2 Chr. XV. 8. The main fact is גַרְשָׁרָ , the perfect expresses the previous circumstance. In the first edition after בַרְשָׁרָ הַרָּהָשׁר was used too frequently, whilst in the earlier books of O. T. this construction is relatively rare, comp. 1 Sam. IV. 20 with Gen. XXXV. 17. I have left it sometimes, but removed it in such passages as the above mentioned. See Driver's Use of the Tenses in Hebrew § 127.¹

¹⁾ In one of his letters, concerning my Hebrew version of the Acts he says: "The instances of *Waw consec.* in answer to כאשר, אחרי, אחרי, petc. are very abundant in this book. Considering that this construction occurs (if I mistake not) not more than 4 times in Genesis,

- Mark. IV. 33 And with many parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. My friend proposed יְּרָבֶר and similarly יְרָבֵר in v. 34 as idiomatically corresponding to the Greek ἐλάλει, ἡδύναντο, ἐλάλει. It is true, this synchronistic Imperfect is used by the old Hebrew especially to express that which one was wont to do (Iob I. 5) or what was done continuously (Ex. XXXIII. 9. XXXIV. 34). I have preferred however the perfect: 1) because יְרָבֵר in the sense of ἐλάλει occurs only with repredering Josh. X. 12 or because also the perfect can be used of an action begun in the past and continued Ex. XXXIII. 11. Ruth IV. 7. Ps. -CXLIV. 8.
- Mark. V. 39 הְּבְּבֹאוֹ אָמֵר And when he was come in, he saith. In the two first editions I have rendered this הְּבְּשׁוּכְּנֵס אָמֵר, in the fourth הְּבְשׁוּכְנֵס אָמֵר for in the Hebrew of the O. T. הְּבְשׁוּ signifies to enter like בוא הָרָבָס in the Hebrew of the Mishna. My friend proposed הָרָב הווּא בָא והוּא אָמֵר which I adopted in the third edition, but afterwards set it aside: 1) because the Greek בּוֹסבּאַטּע אבֹין denotes both the actions as successive, not as simultaneous; 2) because it seemed advisable to be sparing with this antique scheme of temporal coincidence. I have accepted it e. g. Matth. XI. 7 (see above the remark on this passage).

once in Jud., 6 times in 1—2 Sam., would not once in three chapters be a sufficiently large allowance in the Acts? It seems to me that it is the tendency of the earlier Hebrew, in the case of temporal or causal clauses, which Greek often places early in a sentence, either a) to postpone them somewhat, or β) to prefix (נְרָהָי); it is the later Hebrew, that is apt to introduce them at the beginning. Compare ad a) Gen. XIX. 16. XXXIV. 7. L. 17. Ex. XXX. 18. Jud. VIII. 3 with 2 Chron. XII. 7. XV. 8. XX. 20. XXIV. 25. XXVI. 16. 19^b. XXXIII. 12. XXXIV. 14. Dan. X. 9. 11. 15. 19 and ad β) (c) β (c) Chr. VII. 1. XXIV. 14. XX. 23^b. XXIX. 29. XXX. 1 against some 14 times in earlier books with $\gamma \gamma \gamma$ prefixed". This observation is keen; hence the disapproval was well founded. In the later editions, as I hope, the two constructions are proportionally mixed and alternating not only for the sake of variation, but according to the importance of the several facts within the historical narrative.

- Matth. XXIV. 27 בּן־אָדָם so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. In the first edition I had left out this ,also (xai) of the Greek text. It is questionable whether it is better to translate it or to leave it untranslated. There are many cases, especially in the Gospels, where this question arises. On this point also we have corresponded. "I would like to know - my friend wrote me - whether, if Hebrew writers of O. T. could express fully what they wished to say without at (after כך or כן, it was needful always to represent verbally the xai: it seemed to be at times superfluous and make the Hebrews either felt the sense was comsentence unidiomatic. plete without it (with Luk. XVII. 37, where &B exhibit xai of actoi and Elzev. only oi actoi, comp. Job XXXIX. 30) or sometimes seem to have adopted a different mode of expression (with Matth. X. 4 o xai παραδούς αὐτόν comp. Gen. XXXVII. 24. Ex. VI. 26 s.). Would not such a comparison for instance as Matth. XXIV. 27 have been felt to be complete by an O. T. author without the Da? The matter is worthy of attention. In general it must be said that the omission of the xai at times The LXX add xai Deut. II. 21. VIII. 20. Is. is allowable. LX. 13 al., where the Hebrew text runs without Da; hence vice versa it is permitted to the Hebrew translator to omit it sometimes where the Greek text has it." But the passage Matth. XXIV. 27 to which I have attached this remark, shows how difficult the decision is in some cases. It may seem inconsistent that I have left zai untranslated Luk. X. 39, but not likewise Matth. X. 4. Hebr. VII. 25. Even this little word renders the work of translation very difficult.
- Luk. VI. 1 לְלָמִידִיר הַלְמִידִי הַקְּמָה וַהְקָמָה הַלְמִידִיר And it came to pass . . that he went through the corn-fields and his disciples plucked. The construction is like Gen. XLI. 1. Jewish readers often declared, that וואס סעקר נידָבָר סעקר to be written. But Prof. S. R. Driver in our correspondence on the Hebrew N. T. has rightly observed: "The schemes היהי אמר דור אמר יוהי מול (e. g. Gen. XXII. 1) occur frequently in the Old Testa-

ment, no less than היהרי יואמר דוד, might they not be employed, especially the first, more often than is the case, for the sake of variety?" I have made use of them in such passages, where the perfect after היהר, followed by consecutive imperfect, denotes a preparatory fact, ou which the following rests. But not too often, because this classical construction makes a strange appearance to Jewish readers.

Luk. X. 33 וְאִישׁ שֹׁמְרוֹנִי הָלַדְ בַּדָרֵדָ But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed .. The first edition had rendered this 7 ישׁמָרוֹנִר אָדָת וגר' This אד as equivalent of the Greek לצ was awkward; I had not yet freed myself from the unidiomatic manner of the London version, which is sadly marred by the abundant use of the κ in place of δέ. "I much doubt ---S. R. Driver wrote me — if ¬* is in place here? At least the earlier historical style would not have had recourse to it. Take all the passages in two or three books, given by Noldius, e.g. in the books of Genesis, Judges and Samuel: it is prefixed to single words as אך עשוק, אך הפעם, and it introduces a limitation upon some preceding clause. It also occurs more frequently in speeches than in the narrative, but hardly any — not even 1 Sam. XXIX. 9. 2 Sam. II. 10 — seem quite parallel to its use here". This is the fact. In the later editions these offensive אך are, I hope, all dropped out.

Besides these passages of the synoptic Gospels the following passages also have occasioned grammatical queries and researches, the result of which seems to be not unimportant. Indeed, if I should give all the passages and words which have been matter of inquiry and discussion, it would be difficult to come to an end. Many questions are not even yet quite satisfactorily solved.

Matth. VII. 21. VIII. 2. 6 etc. אטָנ *Lord*! In the later Hebrew of liturgical prayer and poëtry often אָדוֹן without article or suffix is employed as vocative e. g. אָדון נְשָׁא סכנוד in the biblical Hebrew neither אדון נְשָׂא סכנוד in the biblical Hebrew neither אדון אדון מוס מרדן סכניד מלמרפג, for אדון Jer. XXII. 18 is exclamation, not address. Therefore I was constrained to substitute either אָרון סיגיין מריי (not אָדֹיָני זי אָדֹיָני אוור is to be found only once 1 Sam. XVI. 16). The later postexilic language says also without article אריל אישר כהן אישר כהן Joma I. 3. ישראל לוים , פרושים אוון אריל ס priests, o Levites, o Israelites! *Megilla* 3^a. O Pharisees, o Sadducees! *Jadajim* IV. 7.

Matth. XV. 9 (= Is. XXIX. 13^b) אָרָר רְרָאָרָם אָרָז וּט but in vain do they worship me. The LXX read וְהָהוּ instead of וְהָהוּ And what follows יַמְלָמִרִים מְלָמִרִים מְלָמִרִים which has מְלָמִרִים מְלָמִרִים מְלָמִרִים *מ*בּרין מַלְמִרִים מָלָמִרִים men. LXX and Targum together bear here witness to a text different from the masoretic. I felt obliged to render the Hebrew text just as it lay before these ancient authorities. A similar case is Hebr. X. 5. In other places where the Greek version does not necessarily presuppose a different text, e. g. Rom. IX. 28 =Is. X. 23 and Hebr. X. 30 =Deut. XXXII. 35 I have retained our received Hebrew text. Of course, the decision could sometimes but be precarious.

Luk. VI. 1 בשׁבָת הַשֹּׁנִית הָלֹסִפִּירֵת הָלֹמָצו. In the following editions I have removed these brackets, which indicated in the first, that the Sinaiticus (like the Vaticanus) has only Ev σαββάτω without δευτεροπρώτω. The remark of the late Tischendorf: ut ab additamenti ratione alienum est, ita cur omiserint in promptu est seemes to me convincing. In the interpretation of this δευτεροπρώτω I agree with John Ligthfoot, understanding the first sabbath after the second Easter-day, or, as can also be said, the second sabbath after the day of offering the barley sheaf, which is the terminus a quo of the seven sabbaths (weeks) till Pentecost (Lev. XXIII. 15), consequently the second sabbath within ספררת העמר (the computation commencing from the Omer-offering). Instead בשבת the later editions have בשבת השני, just as Luk. XXIII. 54 וחשבת הָאָרָה afterwards is changed into וחשבת הָאָרָה. The name of the Sabbath is originally feminine, wherefore liturgically it is represented as the royal bride of Israel (comp. however Is. LVIII. 13). We have used it in the passages above mentioned as masculine conformably to Is. LVI. 2. 6 and שבת הגדול, the name of the Sabbath before Easter. Concerning the Pentecost, the expression Act. Π. 1 έν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι την ήμέραν της πεντεχόστης is very concise and not easily translatable. I believe, the translation וַיִּמְלָאוּ הַיָּמִים לְחֵג הַשֶּׁבְעוֹת (ed. IV. V) shall be satisfactory. The revisors of the English version have blotted out the word *fully* of the received text. But fully points back to complete Lev. XXIII. 15.

John IV. 31 שאלר ארזי תַלְמִידָיר *the disciples prayed him*. The verb occurs sometimes construed with the accusative of the thing begged for, but never with the accusative of the person, from whom one prays something. שאל seq. accus. signifies ,to ask one'; but ,to beseech one' must be expressed

by שאל מָק 1 Sam. VIII. 10 or שאל מָק Ps. II. 8. This rule is observed in the later editions.

- John VI. 27 אָבִיר הָאָלֹהִים *for him the Father, God hath sealed.* Thus the first edition, the following more accurately and clearly: כָּרְכוֹ אָבִיו הָאָלֹהִים, not without influence from the conjecture, which the renowned grammarian Moses Reichersohn at Wilna proposed to me that the Lord, comparing himself with heavenly meat, alludes to בַּרְבּוֹם, which is the Pelestinian name of the baker as one who impresses certain marks upon his loaves.
- Act. VIII. 26. IX. 11 קרם רְלָה *arise and go.* The copulative after ist not false (comp. 1 Sam. XXIX. 7), but contrary to the usage; the second imperative after קרם follows without exception מסטטטניעט. Therefore from the second edition on the is omitted.
- Act. X. 28 אָקָם רְרַעָהָם אָשֶׁר אָסוּר הוּא *ye yourselves know* how that is an unlawful thing. From the second edition I have רדע corrected to בי, because the biblical אָשֶׁר ist mostly construed with כר, scarcely with אשר Ex. XI. 7. Deut. XVIII. 21. Eccl. VIII. 12. Ezek. XX. 26., and except the last passage always the word after אשר is a verb.
- Rom. XVI. 20 shall bruise כלא Satan under your feet. One might expect השוף, for St. Paul's hope recalls the promise, which is interwoven in the curse of the serpent, and שוף, at least the first שוף, ¹ signifies there to bruise like the targumic שוף and שוף, by which the Hebrew אין ist wont to be translated. Nevertheless I did not dare to employ this verb, though I would have used it, if the apostle had said συντρίψει την μεφαλην τοῦ ὄφεως or only τὸν ὄφιν. In other passages the expression,

¹⁾ The second means, as many think, attack by blowing. Indeed in the Palestinian dialect of the Aramaic language signifies ,to blow' e. g. *Bereschith rabba* c. II: שרב רורז שרב ,,even in sultry heat the wind blows (upon the water)".

which I have chosen brings out intentionally certain reminiscenses, e. g. Matth. XV. 28 אָז עָּנָה רַשׁוּעַ וְאָמָר reminds of Cant. II. 10; John XIX. 30 לְּלָה (דָבּדבּאבסדמו) of Catter (בוּרָלָר אָרדרוּחוֹ) Gen. II. 1 and ווּרָקָכָר אָרדרוּחוֹ of Ps. XXXI. 6; 2 Cor. VII. 5 אָרדרוּהוֹין מְרוּר מַרְרָרִם אַרְקָה מְרוּר מַרְרָרִם אַרְקָה Rev. G. H. Händler); 2 Thess. II. 8 הַכָּרוּח שָׁפָּקרוֹ אַרָרָרים אַרָּקָר Hebr. VIII. 2 אָשָׁר כּוֹנְנוֹ אָרָנִי אָרָיָר (suggestion of the Rev. D. Biesenthal).

- Gal. III. 16 וועלבר לי וּלְבַרְעִיוֹתֶרָה he saith not: (to thee) and (thy) seeds. The plural וַרְעִיוֹת is employed by the Talmud in similar arguments e. g. Sanhedrin 37^b, and the collective appears similarly concentrated on אותו הזרע the one seed who shall arise from another place (Esth. IV. 14), that is, the king Messiah, in the Midrasch Ruth sect. VII extr. and often.
- Gal. IV. 22 (by the free moman) 26 (Jerusalem that is above is free). I have rendered באבטטביס in both verses by הְבָשָׁרָה. But it is true, as may friend at Wilna has objected, that הְבָשָׁרָה denotes a woman which is set free (in Aramaic הִבְּשָׁרָה, in Latin liberta), and that it is unsuitable so to name Sarah. For that reason בַּתּרְהוֹרָרָה (comp. Gal. III. 28. Hebr.) might be deemed preferable in Gal. IV. 22 sqq.
- 1 Tim. II. 5 one mediator between God and men. Here and Hebr. VIII. 6 the employment of the rabbinical קרסר = μεσίτης could be dispensed with by imitating the circumlocution of Deut. V. 5. Ex. XVIII. 19. The modern Hebrew ventures to say קרסר and even קרסר, but these copies of the occidental



mediator are as repudiable as איש הַבָּרְנָרָם said of Goliath, who proceeds between the Philistines and Israel to decide the war by single combat 1 Sam. XVII. 4. 23. As to סָרָסֹר, it is a noble word. The Talmud itself (jer. Megilla IV, 1) says: the law is given by the hand of a mediator).

I subjoin here a list of forms, which occur in the first edition, but have disappeared in the following as grammatically incorrect or objectionable.

John XIX. 35 הַצִרְדָה he has borne witness, changed into (III. IV: הַשִׁיבוֹ), comp. הַשִׁיבוֹ 1 Kings XIII. 20 and on the other hand להשרבו Gen. XXXVII. 22 which is the pronunciation of the infinitive. - Acts XV. 14 (κότια) τοβομένη (τον θεόν), rather יִרְאָת Prov. XXXI. 30 like יִרְאָת Ps. XXII. 29 — Acts XIX. 9 (מָהָס) he departed (from them), rather רַיָּסָר. The imperf. consec. of Kal and of Hiphil have the same vowels, e. g. Ex. VIII. 27. Gen. VIII. 13 - Act. XXI. 5 בִּרְכֵינה our knees after בּרְכוֹהִי Dan. VI, 11 with aspirate Caph, but the corresponding Hebrew forms all have Dagesh: בִּרְבָּר, בִּרְבָּר, בִּרְכֵּיהָ , בִּרְכֵּיהָ and only with grave suffix בִּרְכֵּיהָ — Act. XXII. 9 שָׁבָעוי (at the end of the verse) they heard. The pausal form is always יָקמָעה – Rom. XIII. 1 יָקמָנה (last word of the verse) they are ordained. I have changed the Kamets into Pathach; the form נָקָזפּר Ez. XXVII. 19 (Kal with Dagesh affectuosum) is unconformable - 1 Cor. VI. 13 בָּרָס belly. I have afterwards preferred פָרָש (with Sîn after Jer. LI. 34) as warranted by the Syriac ביות – 1 Cor. XI. 28 יברון let a man prove, better יְבָחַן Ps. XI. 5 like יְבְחַר – 2 Cor. XI. 21 אָעָרז רָעָרז ווא he is bold, I am bold, wrong instead of אָכָז, דְעָז Hiphil of נָזָ --Eph. VI. 15 וְרַגְלֵיכֶם מָנְצָלִים and having shod your feet, erroneously for מָנְצָלוֹת; the names of such organs as are double belong to the feminine nouns - 1 Tim. II. 9 mith braided hair, altered into במחלפות הראש after Judg. XVI. 13. 19; מחלפות looks like a plural of מחלפות knife Ezr. I. 9 ---1 Pet. III. 22 וְהָרְשָׁרוֹת and authorilies, better וְהָרְשָׁרוֹת from

with stable Dagesh, see Brief an die Römer (1870) pag. 94 sq. — 2 Pet. I. 4 בְּהַבְּלְשְׁכֶם *having escaped*, misprint for בְּהַבְּלְשְׁכֶם — Apoc. XIV. 15 בְּהַבְּלְשְׁכָם thy sickle from גַּבָּל like מַבְּלָ from מַבְּלָ In spite of that, though uncertain, I have afterwards written בְּבָּלָך.

I was not susprised, when my sharp-sighted critic in Oxford after the perusal of the first edition imposed upon a translator higher obligations than he found there fulfilled. "Hebrew as we have it in O.T. - thus he wrote me - being in certain points a more limited language than Greek, and only able sometimes to express with difficulty what Greek can do with ease and lightness, does it not seem to you, that to translate a phrase word for word results at times in a sentence, which sounds slightly heavy and unnatural? In a piece of historical narrative, or a speech, it seems to me that in such cases we should endeavour to translate the phrase as a whole, to frame a sentence idiomatically, which, though it may not in every detail correspond to the Greek, shall still, taken altogether, express accurately the whole idea which the writer intends to To translate S. Luke into Hebrew does not appear to me convey. to be quite the same thing as to translate him into English or German; it is more like making an idiomatic translation of a piece of Plato or Thucydides. I notice you have allowed yourself the practice sometimes: might it be a little extended? I should of course not suggest it in the case of any technical or dogmatic term, where verbal exactness is evidently of primary consequence. But would it not also often secure as a collateral advantage - not unimportant, even in the Acts - a style more resembling that of O. T., in being at once more compressed and more antique?" Briefly, my friend demands more liberty from the letter, more compliance towards the genius of Hebrew. I acknowledge the right of this plus ultra, but appeal at once to the ultra posse nemo

obligatur. Two instances may show what I mean. The sentence-Matth. X. 10 the workman is worthy of his food is translated שוח הפצל הי מחזת. Thereto my reviser remarked: "I do not criticize the exactness of the rendering, but would only ask whether for such a "spruchartiger Satz" some equivalent more in the pointed style of the old כשל might not be found without the use of such a word as mit of the book of Esther? The stress appears to lie in the general principle of human conduct appealed to by our Lord, rather than in the special word מצנסג." Indeed that שֹׁנָה as not classical displeases me, but I do not know how to avoid it, for would signify that each labourer receives his food, but not that he is worthy to receive it. Similarly the rendering of the synoptic therefore ye shall receive the greater condemnation (Matth. XXIII. 14. Mark. XII. 40. Luk. XX. 47) by לכן does not satisfy me, and revising the text of the ext of the fourth edition I have pondered, whether that rendering might be improved in any way, yet having exhausted all possibilities I saw myself thrown back upon the translation hitherto given. If I had the choice between a classical, but too free version, and a less classical, but more faithful one, I would give the preference to the latter, because it is much more important, to preserve the originality of the divine word than to level it in favour of a more genuine Hebrew shape. The spirit of the N. T. has created for itself its own peculiar form of thinking and speaking, and the N. T. writers, especially St. Paul and St. John, have their own style. I was anxious not to withhold from the Jewish readers the impression of these peculiarities, even where the form is stiff, monotonous and unpleasing, for in the Holy scripture as the earthly vessel of heavenly thoughts and directions all is as much human as divine. We are not permitted to make the human form of the N. T. more beautiful than it is. I know, in this point my friend agrees with me. And I willingly grant him that I may have sacrificed regularity or elegance to fidelity in several places where both could be I am far from presuming that I have realized the ideal. united. A true and satisfactory version of the N.T. is a thing of the

future, and only will be produced, when the new Thora of the Gospel has been received into its heart of hearts by the regenerated remnant of Israel.

A friend of mine does not cease to entreat me to translate the New Testament into the Aramaic idiom which was spoken in Palestine in the days of Christ and his apostles, that is, into the language of the Palestinian Talmud and the Palestinian Targuins. But his desire rests on an illusion. The Hebrew remained even after the exile the language of Jewish literature. The Ecclesiasticus of Jesus Sirach was written in Hebrew, as its fragments in the Talmud show. The original of the first book of Maccabees and ot the so called Psalter of Solomon was Hebrew. The inscriptions on coins, the epitaphs, the liturgic prayers were Hebrew. The form of the laws was Hebrew, as appears from their codification in the Mishna. Also the book, in which, as Papias says, Matthew had collected the sermons of the Lord, was written έβραΐδι διαλέχτω. It is true, that in that time έβραϊστί and χαλδαϊστί were not Nevertheless it is quite unlikely that accurately distinguished. Matthew wrote in Aramaic; for the Aramaic dialect of Palestine -which in the Talmud is called orror, and there and in the Targums can be better learned than from the so called Evangeliarium lierosolymitanum and the fragments of a Palestinian version of Psalms, published by J. P. N. Land (Lugduni Bat. 1875) - was the language of daily life, the vulgar language, in which the people and also the learned were wont to converse and to hold controversies, but $\dot{\eta}$ 'Eßpaic dialextoc, in which St. Paul was accosted by the exalted Saviour Act. XXVI. 14 and in which he himself addressed the people of Jerusalem Act. XXI. 40. XXII. 2. was the holy language, the language of the temple worship, ot synagogical and domestic prayer, of all formulas of benediction, of the traditional law; further the parables, the animal fables, the lamentations for the dead in the Talmuds and Midrashim are

mostly Hebrew; the holy language continued to be the language of the higher form of speech, even the popular proverbs were only Josephus, stating in the Preface of his work on partly Aramaic. the Jewish war, that his narrative was originally drawn up for his compatriots of inner Asia in the common mother-tongue, certainly means the Hebrew, not the Aramaic language. Knowledge of Hebrew was then as now universal among the educated of the nation. Aramaic, on the contrary, was understood only by a small part of the Diaspora. Even now knowledge of Hebrew is much the more general, whereas acquaintance with the idiom of the so called Talmud Jerushalmi is a prerogative of very few Jewish Therefore it would be a useless attempt to translate the scholars. New Testament into the Palestinian Sursi. The Shemitic woof of the New Testament Hellenism is Hebrew, not Aramaic. Our Lord and his apostles thought and spoke for the most part in Hebrew. And the New Testament, as the new Thora, the completive half of God's revelation, must be translated into Hebrew, if we intend to make it a reading book for the Jews of all countries and a constituent part of the worship of the future Israel, who shall be saved after the entering in of the fulness of the Gentiles. The translation into Aramaic would be an artificial work, not without relative advantage — for it would exhibit in the New Testament language some features of the vernacular dialect of Palestine — but without practical aim. A proof of its restricted utility is the little help, which the Peschito affords to the Hebrew translator.¹

The project of a version of the N. T. in the Targumic idiom is in some degree favoured by John I. 1. Prof. Driver remarks regarding my translation of this overture to the fourth Gospel: "The rendering of $\lambda \acute{o} \gamma o \varsigma$ has doubtless been well weighed. I wish that it were possible to employ the $\neg \neg \neg \neg \neg$ in some way or other. Would not that term have the advantage of suggesting to the

¹⁾ I mean help in finding the intended or equivalent shemitic phrases; for as regards the Palestinian form of proper names, the Aramaic versions of the New Testament are entirely useless: they transcribe slavishly the Greek forms.

Jewish reader associations analogous to, if not identical with, those suggested by λόγος to the Greek? ברמרא, unlike דבר (if I mistake not), but like $\lambda \circ \gamma \circ z$, would be a significant word, having a previous history to which to attach itself and which gives it its meaning." Nevertheless after careful deliberation I have rendered $\lambda \circ \gamma \circ \varsigma$ by , because the Word not only as mediator of the world's creation and conservation is called TET Ps. XXXIII. 6. CXLVII. 18, but also as mediator of salvation Ps. CVII. 20. Is. LV. 10 sq. For some time I thought of המאמר as an equivalent of ביקרא, but I rejected it, because the Hebrew of the Mishna and its age knows only as denoting the word of command, by which the world arose e. g. Aboth V. 1. Even הַהָּבּוּר I did not like, for it is a postbiblical word, and yet it was of great importance to obviate the opinion, that the Logos was an invention of Stoic and Alexandrian philosophy, and not, as it is really the case, rooting and already germinant in the O. T. Certainly the Logos, more and more acknowledged as a divine hypostasis, which partakes of God's personality, is ordinarily called TEC. g. in the Midrash to Cant. II. 13ª: הדבור מדבר עם משה the Word spoke with Moses. And in the Palestinian Targum the word as revealer of God and as God himself in his revelation bears besides the name מימרא also the name הבוּרָא or הַבּרָא (see Levy's Targumic Dictionary). But even these synonymous terms lead to Teally corresponding, especially in regard to such passages as 1 John I. 1 where only הבור , neither מַאַמֵר nor הבוי is suitable.

Finally I cannot forbear to mention a New Testament term by which Jewish readers are offended, as I have heard from many sides. It is known that our Lord is wont to confirm his sentences by opening them with $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$, in the Gospel of St. Matthew thirty times with $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\lambda\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$, in the Gospel of St. John twenty five times with $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\dot{\alpha}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$, in the Gospel of St. John twenty five times with $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\dot{\alpha}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$, in the Gospel of St. John twenty five times with $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\dot{\alpha}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$, in the Gospel of St. John twenty five times by $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\dot{\alpha}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$ $\dot{\omega}\mu\nu$. I have translated it in the Synoptics by $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\eta}\nu$ $\dot{\alpha}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$ $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\nu}\nu$, $\dot{\kappa}\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$ $\dot{\omega}\mu\nu$. I have translated it in the Synoptics by many times Jewish friends have exclaimed: ,That is not Hebrew', and insisted that instead of $\dot{\kappa}$ set to be said $\ddot{\kappa}$ $\ddot{\kappa}$ or $\ddot{\kappa}$ and $\ddot{\kappa}$. This $\varkappa\omega$ at the head of the sentence is indeed entirely foreign as much to the biblical as to the postbiblical style and has not its like in the whole Jewish literature. However it would be inconsiderate and arbitrary to remove this anomaly in favour of stylistic regularity and elegance. For if every great man has his own style, how much more the greatest of all! His manner of speaking contains much hitherto unheard of, for instance that he calls himself the Son of Man, which is infinitely different from ההוא גברא יו by which in the vernacular language of that time the speaker designated himself. This xer also was a new and peculiar expression in the mouth of our Lord. Speaking the dialect of the people he began his solemn speeches with אָמֶרנָא אָמָן אַנִר אַמָר אָבָם, in Hebrew אָמָן אַמָר אַנִי לָכֵם, אמר אָמָר אָמָר אָמָר אָני, because this order of the words obliterates the significant alliteration, which St. John intends to imitate by doubling the אמן.² I am persuaded, that the name & Aunv, which is given to Christ Revel. III. 14 alludes to the oft repeated $\dot{\alpha}\mu\dot{\gamma}\nu$ of the incomparable master.

Charles Dickens wrote to his son, as he was about to undertake a journey: "I have put a New Testament among your books, because it is the best book, which the world has known and will ever know".³ In truth, it is the best in every respect. What a fullness and depth of contents this small volume encloses, its like is not to be found among the literatures of mankind. And every dispassionate inquirer must allow, that Jesus Christ, who is the centre of this book, has created a new era of human history. The root of Jesse has become the root of a new world. Even those, who deny His Messiahship, are not without a share in some fruits of his redemption. But it shall come to pass in the last days, that

3) Translated back from the German.

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¹⁾ In Sursi the speaker says ההוא גברא אתתא) not only of himself, but also of the person addressed; consequently this phrase is of no use to explain the self-denomination of our Lord by δ σίδς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου Matth. VIII. 20 etc.

²⁾ See Nº IX of my Talmudic Studies in *Lutherische Zeitschrift* 1856 p 422-424 and Nº II of my "Traces of the vernacular tongue in the Gospels" in The Hebrew Student (Chicago), Dec. 1882 p. 104-105.

they shall acknowledge Him whom they have so long despised. Israel will then become confessor and interpreter and apostle of the New Testament, and the new Thora, which is gone forth out of Zion, will then be gloriously transfigured into the holy tongue. Jacob shall then take root, Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead! — O house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord and his Christ! Their light is one, light of the only One, the heavenly source of life, as Christ has said: This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

APPENDIX.

A list of essays and notices of F. D., more or less closely connected with the translation work.

- A. Talmudische Studien in the Lutherische Zeitschrift, edited by Rudelbach and Guericke, from 1863 by Guericke and Delitzsch, Leipzig, Dörffling & Franke.
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 - VI. Brief an die Römer ibid. p. 11-17.
- VII. Erster Brief an die Corinther ibid. pag. 209-215.
- VIII. Zweiter Brief an die Corinther ibid. pag. 450-454.
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