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found in Dr. Hort's *Village Sermons* strength and instruction may also welcome these more various discourses from the same mind: in all essentials the characteristics of both series are the same.

The texts and other quotations from the Bible are printed as they stand in the manuscript: it will be noticed that it was often the preacher's practice to give an independent rendering identical with neither English version. In two cases (Nos. XI. and XXII.) I have ventured to supply a title. Nos. VII. and VIII., as also XIX. and XX., were preached consecutively.

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