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COSMOLOGY.

Cosmology, as a chapter of Christian theology, is the doctrine of Holy Scripture concerning the genesis, nature, and states, of created things. The source whence every doctrinal statement under this head must be derived is the same from which we draw our theological information concerning the unfathomable mysteries of Theology proper, the doctrine of God, of the Trinity in Unity, of the divine attributes and eternal decrees. It is true, the Bible is not a scientific text book of Cosmic Philosophy, of Natural History or Geology or Astronomy, claiming for itself the authority due to the results of scientific research, of human observation and investigation and speculation. Its claims, also in reference to Cosmology, are infinitely higher. The authority of human scientists is never more than human; the authority of the Scriptures, also where it speaks of mundane things, is simply and unrestrictedly divine. Scientists may err, God can not; scientists have often erred, God never. Where the statements of great scientists and those of the Scriptures are at variance, those of the Scriptures must prevail, not although, but because, the Bible is not a scientific text book, because it is more, it is the word of

MISCELLANY.

We have been asked to name "the most commendable exegetical work not written in the Latin language." If what is called for is a commentary on all the books of the Bible, we would without hesitation name the so-called *Weimarsche Bibel*; if a commentary on any particular book of the Bible, our choice would be the German edition of Luther's great commentary on Genesis; or of modern commentaries, Philippi on the Epistle to the Romans. Of modern commentaries on all the books of the New Testament we still prefer the first edition of Meyer's "Kritisch-exegetischer Commentar über das Neue Testament."

Correspondence is respectfully solicited on the question, whether our readers are desirous of seeing the publication of a sermon in each issue of the QUARTERLY continued, as it was throughout the first and second volumes, or whether they would prefer to have the space which a sermon will occupy devoted to other matters, as in the present issue, in which more special attention is paid to the pulpit under the head of PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Contributors to the "Quarterly," of whom we hope there may be more in the future than there have been in the past, are requested to use paper of about the size of the QUARTERLY, and write on one side only, and no more than ten or twelve lines on a page, when preparing their manuscripts. We make this request partly in the interest of the compositors, who cannot do expeditious work from an ill-prepared manuscript, and partly for our own sake, as the editorial revision of contributions carelessly executed may entail an unjustifiable waste of time, and thus an otherwise creditable article may prove unavailable.
