ver. 2; **also** on **are forgiven.**

**26.**] **strange things**—literally, *things beyond*  
*our expectation.* Compare the close of the  
accounts in Matthew and Mark.

**27—39.**] CALLING OF LEVI. QUESTION  
RESPECTING FASTING. Matt. ix. 9—17.  
Mark ii. 13—22. For all common matter,  
—the discussion of the identity of Matthew and Levi, &c.—see notes on Matthew and Mark. I here only notice what is  
peculiar to Luke.

**27.**] not merely ‘**He saw,**’ but **He looked on,—He ob-  
served.**

**28.**] **left all:** not merely,  
*‘left his books and implements,’* but the  
expression is generally used, and imports not so much a present objective relinquishment, as the mind with which he rose to  
follow.

**29.**] This fact is only expressly mentioned here—but may be directly inferred from **Mark,** and remotely  
from Matthew. See on Matthew, ver. 10.

**33.**] On the difference in the persons  
who ask this question, see on Matthew and  
Mark.

**and make prayers:** see ch.xi. 1. These prayers must be understood  
in connexion with an ascetic form of life,  
not as only the usual prayers of devout  
men.

**34.**] I have remarked on the  
striking contrast between **make to fast  
and they shall** (or, will) **fast, on Matthew,**