nor ‘some of all kinds:’ in the vision it  
seemed to Peter to be an assemblage of  
*all creation*.

**fourfooted... creeping things... fowls**] In ch. xi. 6, Peter  
follows the more strictly Jewish division:  
see there.

**14.**] Peter rightly understands the command as giving him free  
choice of *all* the creatures shewn to him.  
We cannot infer hence that the sheet  
contained *unclean animals only*. It was  
a mixture of clean and unclean,—the  
aggregate, therefore, being *unclean*.

**Lord**] So Cornelius to the angel, ver. 4.  
It is here addressed to the unknown heavenly speaker.—On the clean and unclean beasts, &c., see Levit. xi.

**15.**] These weighty words have more than  
one application. They reveal what was  
needed for the occasion, in a figure: God  
letting down from heaven clean and unclean alike, Jew and Gentile,—represented  
that He had made of one blood all nations  
to dwell on the face of all the earth: God  
having *purified* these, signified that the  
distinction was now abolished which was

‘added because of transgressions’ (Gal. iii.  
19),—and all *regarded in his eyes as pure  
for the sake of His dear Son*. But the  
*literal truth of the representation* was also  
implied;—that the same distinctions between the animals intended for use as food  
were now done away, and free range allowed to men, as their lawful wants and  
desires invite them, over the whole creation  
of God: that creation itself having been  
*purified and rendered clean for use by the  
satisfaction of Christ*. The same truth  
which is asserted by the heavenly voice in  
Peter’s vision, is declared Ephes. i. 10;  
Col. i. 20; 1 Tim. iv. 4, 5.—Only we must  
be careful not to confound this restitution  
with the *restoration* of all things of ch. iii.  
21; see notes there.

**16. thrice**] denoting the *certainty* of the thing revealed:  
see Gen. xli. 32.

**18.**] The strict sense  
is, that **having called out (some one), they  
were enquiring.**

**19.**] See ch. viii. 29,  
note.

**20. I** (emphatic) **have sent  
them**] The Holy Spirit, shed down upon  
the Church to lead it into all the truth,