ch. viii. 2: see also ver. 16 below).

**11.**] Example of SARAH, *whose faith  
worked with that of Abraham to produce  
Isaac.* **By faith Sara herself also** (the  
words **herself also** merely indicate transition   
from one personal subject to another,  
the new subject being thus thrown ont into  
prominence) **received power for the deposition   
of seed** (power, to fructify seed  
deposed), **and that beyond** (in inconsistency  
with, contrary to the law of) **the time of  
age** (proper for such fructification), **seeing  
that she esteemed Him faithful who had  
promised.**

**12.**] *Wonderful result  
of this faith of Abraham and Sarah.*  
**Wherefore also from one sprung there, and  
that one deadened** (past that vital power  
which nature requires), **even as the stars  
of the heaven in multitude, and as the  
sand which is by the lip** (margin) **of the  
sea which is innumerable** (so ran the  
promises to Abraham, Gen. xiii. 16, and  
more fully Gen. xxii. 17. The comparison  
th the sand as indicating great number  
is frequently found in the Old Test., e.g.,  
Gen. xli, 49; Josh. xi. 4; 1 Sam. xiii. 5;  
2 Sam. xvi. 11; 1 Kings iv. 29; Isa. x. 22).

**13—16.**] Before the Writer passes on to  
more examples of faith, he looks back over  
the patriarchal age, and gathers in one the  
*attributes of their faith.* **In** (according to,  
consistently with, in the course of: not  
this time by faith, because their deaths  
were not the results of their faith, but  
merely according to and consistent with it)  
**faith died these all** (there is no need to  
say with some of the ancient commentators,   
“*except Enoch:*” *the promises*  
began with Abraham, and it is evident from  
the end of our verse, and from ver. 15,  
that the reference is solely to the patriarchs),   
**not having received** (in their *fulfilment*,   
that is) the promises (plural,  
because the promise was again and again  
repeated to the patriarchs, see the citations  
from Gen. above, and add Gen. xvii. 5–8,  
xxvi. 3, 4, xxviii. 13, 14), **but having  
seen them from afar, and greeted them**  
(“from afar they saw the promises in  
the reality of their fulfilment, from afar  
they greeted them as the wanderer greets  
his longed-for home even when he only  
comes in sight of it at a distance, drawing  
to himself as it were magnetically and  
embracing with inward love that which is  
yet afar off. The exclamation, ‘I have  
waited for thy salvation, O Lord,’ Gen.  
xlix. 18, is such a *salutation*, such a greeting   
of salvation from afar.” Delitzsch), **and  
confessed that they were strangers and  
sojourners upon the earth** (this Abraham  
did, Gen, xxiii. 4, in these very words, in  
the Greek of the Septuagint, to the children  
of Heth, and Jacob, Gen. xlvii. 9, to  
Pharaoh.... See Ps. cxix. 19; Eccles.  
xii. 5).

**14.**] **For** (justification of the  
assertion, that it was *according to faith*  
that they ran and finished their course, by