command: for we have “*said to me*” re-  
sumed immediately with the I, leaving.no  
doubt Who speaks) **saith, Write: because  
these words are faithful and true, {6} And  
He said to me** (viz. He that sitteth upon  
the throne), **They are fulfilled** (viz. *these  
sayings*: or, but 1 prefer the other, *all  
things*). **I am** (or, **I have become the  
Alpha, &c.**: see margin) **the Alpha and the  
Omega** (see above, ch. i. 8), **the beginning  
and the end** (“the Unchangeable and Ever-  
lasting One, by Whom the old was and the  
new shall be, by Whom the old is fulfilled  
in the new, and with it all hope and  
all promise.” De Wette). **To him that  
thirsteth I will give of the fountain of  
the water of life freely** (compare ch. vii.  
17, and reff. Isa. and John: compare also  
Matt. v. 6). {7} **He that conquereth shall  
inherit these things** (the glories to be  
shewn in the heavenly Jerusalem), **and I  
will be to him** [**a**] **God, and he shall be  
to me a son** (this will be the full perform-  
ance to the sons of God of the promise in  
2 Kings vii. 14: which being first made to  
Solomon, received its chief fulfilment in the great Son of David and of God [Heb.  
i, 5], and now in Him to them that are  
His), {8} **But to the cowardly** (the contrast  
to them that conquer: the “*drawers  
back*" of Heb. x. 38: those who shrink  
timidly from the conflict), **and the unbe-  
lievers, and the polluted with abomina-  
tions** (those who have partaken of the  
abominations in ch, xvii, 4,—of idolatries,  
&c.), **and murderers, and fornicators, and  
sorcerers, and idolaters, and all the false**(i.e. all liars), **their part** [**shall be**] **in the  
lake that burneth with fire and brim-  
stone, which is the second death** (see the reff.).  
  
  
  
**9—XXII. 5.**] *More particular deserip-  
tion of the heavenly Jerusalem.* **{9} And  
there came one of the seven angels which  
had the seven vials, who** (viz. the angels,  
however strange it may seem: but thus it  
necessarily is in the ancient original text)  
**were full of the seven last plagues** (one of  
these angels had before shewn the Apostle  
the great harlot, ch. xvii.1. The contrast  
to that vision is maintained throughout  
these opening verses), **and he talked with**