**am the root and the race** (the offspring,  
as A. V.) **of David, the bright morning star** (that brings in the everlasting  
day). {17} **And the Spirit** (in the churches, and in  
the prophets) **and the Bride** (the Church  
herself) **say Come** (see on ch. vi. 1, &c.)?  
**and let him that heareth** (the cry of  
the Spirit and Bride) **say Come: and let  
him that thirsteth come:** **let him that  
will, take the water of life freely**  
(this verse is best understood as a reply  
Of the Apostle to our Lord’s previous  
words).

**18—20.]** *Final solemn warning of the* Apostle. {18} **I** (emphatic) **testify to every  
one** (or, “*of* every one”) **who heareth**  
**the sayings of the prophecy of this book,  
If any one add** (*shall* here added) **to them,  
God shall add to him** (lay upon him,  
as he has laid his own additions upon  
them: the verb being from Deut. vii. 15,  
where the plagues of Egypt are threatened  
to the Israelites in case of their disobedience) **the plagues which are written in this book: {19} and if any one shall take  
away from the sayings of the book of  
this prophecy, God shall take away his  
portion from the tree of life** (strike out  
his portion from the aggregate of those of  
which the whole participation of that tree  
is made up), **and out of the holy city,  
which are written in this book** (see Deut.  
as before. The adding and taking away  
are in the application and reception in the  
heart: and so it is not a mere formal threat  
to the copier of the book. All must be received and realized. This is at least an  
awful warning both to those who despise  
and neglect this book, and to those who  
add to it by irrelevant and trifling interpretations).

**20, 21**.] FINAL ASSURANCES *of the Lord*,  
and REPLY *of the Apostle on behalf of  
the Church*: and BENEDICTION. {20} **He who  
testifieth these things** (the Lord Jesus)  
**saith, Yea, I come quickly. Amen** (the  
reply of the Apostle, not the conclusion of our Lord’s saying), **Come, Lord  
Jesus,**