IV

THYATIRA

18. “And unto the angel of the church who is in Thyatira  
write: These things, saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes as a  
flame of fire, and his feet (are) like to fine brass.”  
  
IN the present letter, for the first time, the name of  
the speaker is given. He who was seen by John as  
Son of *Man*, proclaims Himself also Son of *God*.  
 Two attributes of His, derived from the first vision,  
are given. “His eyes are as a flame of fire,” to detect  
evil, and to terrify transgressors: and His feet as  
fine brass, to avenge himself upon them.  
 The Saviour’s feet seem to be compared to fine brass  
(or copper rather), with reference to this: because  
copper is remarkable for its hardness. “Arise and  
thresh, O daughter of Zion! for I will make thy horn  
iron, and *I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat  
in pieces many peoples*” (Mic. iv. 13).

19. “I know thy works, and love, and faith, and service, and  
thy patience, and thy works, the last more than the first.”  
  
 The Son of God is looking at the works of *the Church*  
now. The Lord is not, as yet, imputing to the *world*  
its trespasses. “Love” is put first, as the chief of all  
graces: in this the angel was praiseworthy. He held  
fast, too, the great facts and doctrines revealed by our  
Lord. He was active in the supply of others’ wants,  
whether temporal or spiritual. He was, it would  
appear, remarkable for patient endurance; for “thy” is