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 oated to the topography．But the volume
before ua is not only attractively written， and not only shows powers of observation
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looalities and regions which the never reached．The river Jordan has hitherto教 Hostile and marauding ribes deter all．but
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shore．No missions are planted in ancien shore．No msen or the territuries of Moab and
Ammon．The first hundred Ammon．The first hundred pages of the volume before us are deroted to the results
of explorations in this nuknown region， and they may unhesitaingly bep the knowledge of Seriptural regions，made in the last ten or twelve years．Until very
reeently，＂the cities of Bashan＂hav seemed almost a myth．But the marvel lous revelations of Mr．Porter＇s narrativ
show that，after four thoosand years，the remain almost untouched by decay，desolat
indeed，but entire．Mr．Porter thus de scribes the prospeot from Bozra
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rally＂without tanan，voithout innabitant，and
woithout beast．＂（Isa．खxxiii．10）．I canno tell with what mingled feelings of sorro
and of joy，of mourning and of thankggi
ing，of fear and of faith，I reflected on the ing，of fear and of faith，I reflected on th
history of that land；and taking．out my
Bible compared its existing state，as seei with my own eyes，with the numerons pre－
dictions regarding it written by the Hebrew prophets．In their day it was popalou
and prosperous；the fields waved wit corn；the hil－sides were covered wit
floks and herds；the highays wer
thronged with wayfarers；the oitiee re sounulat with the continuous din of a buse
population．And pet they wrote as if the
had seen the land as I saw it trom the ram parts of Bozrah．The Spirit of the omni
scient Goo alone could have guided th
hand that penned such predictions hand that penned such predictions as
thase ：＂Then asid I，Lord，how long？
And he answered，Until the cities be wast－ ed without inhabitant，and the houses
withoutman，and the land beutterly desolate，
and the Lord hath removed men far away， and there be a great forsaking in the mid stroyer of the Geantiles is on his way；he i
gone forth from his place to make thy lan gone forth from his place to make thy land
（esolotat．and thy cities，shall be laid wast
without an inhabitant．＂（Jer．iv． 7 ）． In former times a garrison was ena
ed in the eastle of Boorah by the Pashia
Damascous，for the purpose of defendin Dhe southern sections of Bashan ffom then then
periodical inoursions of the Bedawin． periodical incursions of the Bedawin．T
has been withdrawn for many yaers．Then
＂Destroyer of the Gentiles＂can now con up unrestrained，＂the spoilers＂can no
＂come upon all high places thirough $t$ wilderness，＂，the sword now＂devours fron
one end of the land even to the othe ond of the land，＂（Jer．xii，12）；the cities
are＂without inhabitant，＂the houses are
＂without man，＂the land is＂utterly deso－ late，＂＇judgment has come upon it all fal
and near ；in a word the whole of Basha
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