

judgment, and that its property, truth, renders it incapable of improvement and therefore unalterable.

Again I believe that a poor woman, unable to read, but who, listening, has imbibed instruction, and, under spiritual influences, is living the Christian life, experiencing its softening influences on all her ills, with an assurance of a bright Hereafter, desires no change in her Religion.

Astronomy can look back upon the errors of preceding ages, and she may boast that she can now, from her elevated platform, view with mathematical certainty the magnitudes, distances and movements of the Heavenly Bodies.

But our Religion is a remedial system, with a history, for the benefit of all mankind from creation, based on Eternal Truths, necessary to carry out its benevolent purpose, enunciated partly by the Creator Himself, partly through specially appointed ministers, consecrated to His service, and embodied in One Book, the Bible.

Unlike Astronomy, emerging from error into a reliable science, by the co-operation of true philosophers, the Bible has been assailed by a relentless opposition to its truth. In the first case the effort has been from error to truth—in the latter case from truth to error.

Nevertheless by a miraculous interposition of Providence the Bible has been preserved entire, and its foundation stone, the Pentateuch, is the same this day as it was, when penned by Moses over 3300 years ago.

We see error in the origin of the Arts and Sciences, but the nearer we can reach the source of our religion, as given in our Bible, the more confidence we have in its truthful purity.

To suppose, by implication even, through honest error, that St. Paul would assume the right of abrogating any part of the Decalogue, is incredible ; but to suppose that any man by himself would dare to change or modify, by any coloring of his own reason, any commandment of God, is more so.

St. Paul wrote to his converts in Corinth, 1 Cor. 2: 13, 14, in relation to their sophists, who opposed him, " which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

To a question, " Master, which is the great commandment in the Law ?" Christ answered, by giving a summary of the Decalogue.

" Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and