

*shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all therein.* And in Isaiah, xxxiv. 16—*Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read.* The Apostles urged all persons to read the Scriptures. Acts, xvii. 11. Colossians, iv. 16—and also Acts, viii. 27, 28. The Romish Priests may have their reasons for depriving the people (who hunger and thirst after heavenly righteousness and wisdom) of the Bible; but I will rather believe the words of God himself, than the falsehoods of men, who corrupt the truth. My faith is confirmed by St. Peter's prediction, (Peter, ii. 1, 3) *that false teachers, through covetousness, shall with feigned words make merchandise of you.* As soon as my conversion was known, some persons, silly enough to believe fables, came to talk to me of the miracles performed by their Saints, as if I had never before heard of those fabulous tales. But God has taught me by his Word, that *there is only one Mediator between God and Man, Jesus Christ, the righteous; who was once offered as a satisfaction for sinners; and who is able to save them to the uttermost who come unto God by him:* I therefore renounced the worship of Saints, because it is impious: since it robs our only Mediator of the glory, which is due to him. I gave up the Mass, because Christ suffered death but once, and being risen from the dead, can die no more for my soul, and for those who believe in him; and he is now seated upon the throne of grace, to finish the work of reconciliation for all, who come unto God by him. *I am the door,* says the Redeemer, John x. 9, *by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.* Acts, iv. 12. *There is no salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved: (NOT EVEN BY SAINTS.)* See also Hebrews, ix. 25, 28.

Seeing that their solicitations were ineffectual, the Priests threatened to take away my children from me, and they persuaded my daughter to leave her father's house, telling her that the Bible, which I love, and study, and endeavour by God's help to practise, had disordered my mind. The Godfather of my daughter also wrote me a threatening letter, that if I did not allow my daughter to leave me altogether, some serious thing would happen. This change in my principles is not the result of any person's influence, but effected solely by Divine grace, through the perusal of the Scriptures of Truth. I never persuaded my daughter Adelaide, farther than to read the New Testament, which would bring her to the knowledge of the truth;—and in this I have done what was my duty, as her Father—assured as I fully am, that the Sacred Scriptures are divinely inspired, and that the knowledge of the Holy Bible is *profitable to teach, to convince, to correct, and to instruct in righteousness and the way of salvation, by faith which is in Christ Jesus, that the man of God may be perfect, and fitted for every good work.* 2 Tim. iii. 15, 17. My daughter Adelaide, since the death of her mother, has always lived comfortably with me—and it is only since my turn-