

the Old Testament, that the Popish versions which were made since the Reformation, were prepared for the purpose of "counteracting previous heretical translations;" but that no translation of the Bible into "any of the modern languages was made before Luther." Take these things together, and they sufficiently prove that Popery is opposed to the circulation and reading of the Scriptures in the vernacular tongues. What a contrast in all this to the efforts of Protestants, to make the Bible as cheap as possible, and to put it into the hands of every one, as God's own gift, and that without note or comment, according to the divine will (Is. 8—20, 35; John 5—39, 5, 17, 20, 31; Rom. 10—11, 13, 15; 2 Tim. 3—16, 17; Rev. 1—3; 2 Pet. 1—15, 24; Rev. 22—18, 19).

Let the Church of Rome give to her adherents the true Word of God, as delivered by him to the Primitive Church, and as transmitted by various channels, by the Jews, and by the various sections of the Christian Church,—and her vast system of delusion, which has so long held the human mind in bondage, would soon melt away like the ice and snow before the summer's sun. This is evident from the result attending the introduction of the Bible into Italy (and, I believe, a Roman Catholic version, namely Martin's) in 1848, and the vast efforts put forth to ferret out and destroy every copy. Yet with all these efforts, thousands of Italians have had their eyes opened to the true character of Popery, and to the contrast between it and Bible Christianity, and are only prevented by a French army at Rome from casting off the religion of the Pope, and adopting that of Jesus as revealed in his Holy Word. How is it that Rome is most hated and abhorred at home, and by the Roman and Italian people, who have most reason to know its true character? The more intelligent Italians esteem it as a system of imposition, immorality and oppression from beginning to end; and no wonder that many of them should become infidels. Such is the natural and necessary result of seeing constantly such frauds, deceptions, imposition, extortion and iniquity, palmed upon them and the world as Christianity—as the only true religion.—But give these men the Bible, and tell them what it reveals concerning God, his character and his love to fallen man. Tell them what Christ did for the guilty, wretched sons of earth, and in most cases you will touch a chord that will soon respond in a manner that would fill the Christian's heart with joy: and they will then tell you, This is not the religion that we have been taught—This is not the Christianity that was formerly presented before us. You reply—No, truly, this is the religion of Christ and his apostles—that is the religion of Antichrist and his emissaries. The Bible, or God's revelation to man, is then the only hope of the world. Before its light Popery must and

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