

written truths of doctrine and duty contained in the Epistle. In Heb. 13, the Apostle says: "I have written a letter unto you in few words." It embodies, however, several of the most important doctrines both of the Old and of the New Testament dispensations.

The two Epistles of St. Peter are very pointed as to committing to writing the truths orally taught, so that they might not be impaired or escape from the memory. In the 1 Ep. he says at the conclusion, "I have *written* briefly exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand"; and in the 2 Ep., "I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance"; and, further, "This second Epistle, beloved, I now *write* unto you, in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments of us the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour"; and he mentions his brother Paul as, "in all his Epistles, speaking of these things." In John 1 Ep. he says, "that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you"; and, further, "this, then, is the message which we have heard of him and declare unto you." This Epistle declares several of the most important doctrines, as well as precepts of Christianity. The same Apostle John was commanded to "write in a book" all things which he saw, and which we find recorded in that sublime book of "Revelation." All these books, here referred to, together with the other books of the New Testament, taken as a whole, contain *every doctrine, precept, and other truth* of our divine Christianity; and, therefore, they *alone* form a full and perfect standard or rule for our faith concerning it. But, Mr. Maturin objects that "*there is not a single text of Scripture which asserts, that all the doctrines of the Gospel are to be found written in the New Testament.*" Well, suppose there is no such special text, does it, therefore, follow that all those doctrines are not to be found there? That would,