

to write an epistle to the Lords of the Council, desiring them with all speed to procure a new translation. Because (says he) that which is now in England is *full of errors.*" And in his advertisements of corruptions, he tells the Bishops " That their public translation of the Scripture into English is such, that it perverts the text of the Old Testament in *eight hundred and forty eight places*, and that it causes *millions of millions* to reject the New Testament, and run into *eternal flames !*"

FINALLY, the translators of the great English Bible declare that " Among the numberless translations which are extant this day in Europe, there is *none of them all of divine and infallible authority.*"

THUS it appears that the Bible is written in various and obsolete languages, translated and retranslated over and over again, offering at length innumerable copies, obscure and interpolated. Who has the sagacity, the patience, the time and the opportunity to collate, examine and compare all these copies, verse by verse, and erect a system of faith upon his labor?

NEVERTHELESS, every person, without exception, who takes the Bible as his sole guide to salvation, is absolutely bound to do this. And after all his industry and research, it is at least a million chances to one that he mistakes in his doctrine and that his soul is lost !

WE repeat it emphatically once and again, let none imagine, from the color of this argument, that Catholics do not entertain the most profound respect for this Divine Volume. They esteem it more than all other writings whatever. But they do not ascribe to it impossibilities. They know and they never cease to urge that the Bible cannot be *it's own interpreter.* Books cannot speak. What then is precisely, and without equivocation, it's use?