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"Whosoever speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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THE BIBLE AND THE PAPAL SUIJEM

LECTURE BY GAVAZZI

My subject this evening is the pope and the Bible. I shall prove first, That Popes absolutely prohibit the Bible. Secondly, That Popes alter the Bible, and finally, That Popes substitute human authority for the divine authority of the Bible. The Italian speech this evening will be short because I have something to do to rectify some misrepresentations regarding my first speech here. I can be abused, but not misrepresented and there ore if I am in America without defence, bless God I am not in America without a voice.

Light and darkness—hell and heaven—God and Satan—Pope and the Bible—cannot go together. And, therefore, the Pope has always absolutely prohibited the reading of the Bible. 'No,' answer the Roman Catholic Priesthood, no, this is an exaggeration—an untruth. Pope Paul Fourth wrote a bull against the Waldenses, and the first translation of the Bible, in the vernacular tongue, and to burn all the books, the remain of which was the Bible translated in the Roman tongue. Council after Council have prohibited the reading of the Bible, under the pretext that more evil than goodness came from it; so that the Bible must be considered as the greatest corruption of Christian morality. Can you, the Popish Priests, can you deny that these various Councils have prohibited the reading the Bible? No, no. The popes have prohibited its reading; and why? People can ask me, why? Christ said in the Gospel, *He that doeth evil hateth liht, because he fears that liht will discover his wretched works.* If the Church of Rome was right before God—if, at the present day, the Church of Rome was still the primitive Church of Christ—if, to-day, the Church of Rome was yet in the right—was the promoter of Justice and Charity—then the Church of Rome would not fear anything by the control of the Bible. But the Church of Rome does fear, and very much, the control of the Bible. No, no, my brethren. If the Baptist will not hear important thoughts and important truths here, my dear brethren, in my own country the same porkers and asses grow; and I have not time to lose in controversy here in my lectures; but if anything is to be said against my thoughts, proofs, facts and reasons, and these are quoted of my lecture, the Press is free, in this country, and I ask the Roman Catholics to answer me through that medium. And now, my dear brethren, if the Church of Rome fear, at the present day, the Divine Light of the Bible—if the Church of Rome forbid her children to freely