

latter contained the Greek and German text in opposite columns. The learned Jew, little as he valued this book, was however prevailed upon to give the student half a rix dollar for it. During the absence of the student, he undertook to read it through, with a view to confirm his mind in enmity against Jesus, to ridicule his person in the synagogue, and to be better prepared to testify his zeal for the Jewish faith. His wife and children were not permitted to see the book; he was determined to read it alone as a sworn enemy of Jesus, and to discover the falsehood of the Christian religion in all its parts. As the student was absent for about seven weeks, the Jew had sufficient leisure to perform his task. But as he proceeded to read, his surprise increased, and a sacred awe pervaded him. In reading some impressive passages he could scarcely refrain from exclaiming, Ah, that Jesus were my Saviour!—Having completed the reading, He was astonished at himself, and exceedingly perplexed that, in spite of his earnest desire to find fuel in the New Testament for the increase of his burning enmity against Jesus, he had discovered nothing deserving of hatred, but on the contrary much that was great, sublime, heavenly and divine. At length he charged himself with silly simplicity and blind folly, and resolved to open the book no more. In this resolution he persisted some days. But the consolatory and heavenly instructions he had read, and which had left an indelible impression upon his mind, and the glorious prospect of life eternal which had opened before him, did not suffer him to rest either day or night; and he resolved to read the New Testament a second time fully determined to be more careful in ascertaining that Jesus and his apostles had justly deserved the hatred of all Jews, in all ages. Again, however, he was unable to discover any thing that was absurd, or which bore the stamp of falsehood, but much wisdom, inexpressible comfort for an afflicted mind, and a hope of immortality which seemed to rescue him from that dreadful anxiety with which the thoughts of futurity had often filled him. Still he could not divest himself of his prejudices, but read the New Testament a third time with the following resolution; If I discover nothing the third time why Jesus and his Apostles, and their doctrine, should be hated by the Jews, I will become a Christian; but if my wish in first opening the book is now gratified, I will forever detest the Christian religion." During the third reading of the history of Jesus, his doctrines and promises, he could not refrain from tears, his soul was affected in a manner which no pen can describe. Now he was quite overcome, the love of the most holy and the most lovely of the children of men filled his very soul. Being fully determined to become a Christian, he went without delay and made his desire known to a Christian Minister. The student returned from his journey, and brought the borrowed money with interest to redeem his two books. The Jew asked him if he would sell the New Testament. The student was unwilling to part with it, but after some persuasion yielded.—What do you demand for it? asked the Jew. A rix