

we received from them : otherwise we should have known nothing at all about it."

THESE facts being admitted, what guarantee have our Protestant Brethren, that the Catholic Church is not the *sole inventor* of Christianity, and that she has not herself *forged the Records* which proclaim its establishment?—Certainly none whatever.

AGAIN—Suppose the Bible true—of what number of books and what precise books does it consist?—It is itself silent upon the subject. Twenty books at least, it has been calculated, are *lost*. Among them are that of *the Wars of the Lord*—See Numbers xxi. 14.—that of Jehu the son of Hanani, 2 Chron. xx. 34.—that of Nathan the Prophet, 1 Chron. xxix. 29.—that of the Prophecy of Abijah, 2 Chron. ix. 29.—that of the Vision of Iddo the Seer, See *ibid.*—that of Samuel the Seer, See 1 Chron. xxix. 29.—that of Gad the Seer, *ibid.*—that of Jasher.—The Epistle of Paul to the Laodiceans, See Col. iv. 16.—that of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah and Israel, and many others—besides three thousand Proverbs by Solomon, and fifteen hundred Canticles!

Now we ask, who knows what these lost books contained; and whether they might not have contained something, the knowledge of which is absolutely necessary to Salvation?

ONCE more—Suppose this difficulty vanquished, others arise not less obstinate and perplexing; and the Protestant still holds his faith by the most precarious tenure.

"THE Bible (says Chillingworth) is the Religion of Protestants."

BUT what Bible—that is, what copy, what edition? The learned Dr. Mills computed that in his time, there were not less than *thirty thousand*