

No other book has been subjected to tests so many and so severe, yet it remains in every part invulnerable.

By the process which Colenso instituted against the Bible, the book never was printed which would not be condemned as false from beginning to end. Let me write what is not written, and wrest what is, and I will make any book incredible.

REFLECTIONS.

I remark :—

Firstly,—The Bible, Pentateuch and all, *exists, and has been acknowledged*, in all ages and countries, as being what it professes to be. How, then, did it come into the world, if not as it states, by a Divine Author? It could not have been written by a Jew (uninspired). Left to himself, he never would have written such a condemnation of himself and people. Nor by a Gentile, for he would not have known the laws and ordinances of the Jews, nor exposed himself and people as “accursed without the law.”

And if it was not written by *Moses at such a time*, how did the people unanimously agree to receive it, and impose upon themselves? Let any one try to bring in a *new* book, and offer it for the *first* time to any people, while its every page is an emphatic condemnation of them and their forefathers, and yet its historical matter *not true*. How quickly they would spurn from them both the book and its author!

Secondly,—This book (the Pentateuch and whole Bible,) has evidences of its accuracy and origin *within itself*;—*such* evidences as no reasonable reader would dispute.

It is said that one of the legal profession, accustomed to reason acutely, better acquainted with the statutes of earth than the statutes of heaven, disbelieved the Bible. He requested a friend to direct him where he could find evidence of the truth of the Bible. He was wisely directed to the *Bible itself*. This he thought an illogical way, to test the veracity of one by his own account of it. He was, nevertheless, induced to try the experiment. One morning the friend found him pacing his study, exclaiming, “*Where did he get that law?*” He had always thought Moses had been a clever fellow, acquainted with arts beyond his age, and had done by craft what the people thought were miracles,—that he had gone up to the top of Mt. St. Sinai, and by a display of fireworks deceived the people, and secured their obedience. But when he examined *Ex.* ch. *xx.*, he found it impossible to account for the production of a law so absolutely perfect without superhuman aid. Upon the