

the utter dishonesty of the translators of the accepted version of the English Scriptures, and also the equally unreliability of those who, while professing great zeal for godliness and truth, wink at the most palpable perversions of Scripture, in their willingness to pander to popular ignorance and superstition for an easy living.

Turning to Lev. xxi. 11, we read :—

"Neither shall he go in to any *dead body*, nor defile himself for his father or his mother,"

Which should have read, "Neither shall he go in to any **DEAD SOUL**," etc.

In his instructions to such as were under the obligations of special vows, Moses was instructed to say :—

All the days that he separateth himself unto the Lord, he shall come at no **DEAD SOUL**.—Num. vi. 6.

But our english translators have deliberately substituted the word *body* for *soul*. They have taken the same unwarranted liberty with the sacred text in such instances as the following, viz: Num. ix. 6. Num. xix. 13, and Hag. ii. 13.

Beside which, we could furnish overwhelming evidence of the systematic manner in which the truth concerning the Soul has been maliciously falsified in the interests of the selfish few, who for their own base ends are ready to sacrifice every claim of patriotism humanity or truth.

For years it has been charged against me, that I twisted the Scriptures to suit my own purposes, by those who are making their living out of the advocacy of immortalism and its associate superstitions. It has also been quite common for the same class of persons to stigmatize those who deny the natural immortality of the soul, as being infidels or atheists; while they were well aware of the fact, that their calumnies were groundless, and only intended to injure those they could no longer use; and at the same time, to deter all they could from making truth a matter of personal inquiry, well knowing that such inquiry would prove fatal to their assumed authority. But nevertheless thought is being quickened, and the old superstitions of the middle ages, impiously called Christianity, are fast retreating before the steady advance of increasing light and knowledge.