

couragement for others. The circumstances which contributed first to moderate, and then to bring wholly to an end, this persecution, procured finally for Origen also freedom and repose. Yet the sufferings which he had undergone, served perhaps to hasten his death, which took place about the year 254, in the seventieth year of his age.

THE BIBLE :

ITS NATURE, AND USE AMONG CHRISTIANS.

ANONYMOUS.

THE Bible means *the Book* ; or as we might say in order to shew more clearly its eminence over all other works, it is *the Book of Books*. To the Jews the Old Testament was the whole of their literature. It contains all that was extant, about 200 years before the birth of our Saviour, of all that had been written in the Hebrew tongue — along with a part of Daniel and a few chapters in Ezra and Jeremiah, which were written in Chaldee. The latest writer among them lived at least 400 years before the Christian Æra. The Apocryphal writings were not so much esteemed by the Jews, as they are of a much later date, and not written in their primitive tongue — some being in Chaldee, and the rest in Greek.

The Old Testament accordingly was called by the Jews simply writings — containing as it does their whole literature, both prose and poetry ; their geography and history, and whatever science they possessed ; their religious, pas-