

by an indignant revulsion of feeling to cling to the overgrowth of error, as well as to the root which it encumbers.

In fact, the formidable character of Romanism arises from this very possession of much truth ; for with this it deceives, offering the primitive verity to the eye, and giving the modern corruption into the hand. Moreover, by the late invention of the doctrine of Development, it can from time to time furnish new doctrines at pleasure ; one instance of which—the Immaculate Conception—is of recent occurrence. In this, however, Rome seems to have forgotten her usual caution, for in the Book of Revelation there are no novelties. It came as pure and perfect from heaven as God intended it. Accordingly, the most awful anathemas are pronounced upon those who add thereto, or diminish therefrom. Thus Moses, in the 2nd verse of the fourth chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy, says, “Ye shall not add unto the Word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it,—that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.” Again, St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, says in the 22nd chapter of the Book of Revelation, 18th, 19, and 20th verses, “For I testify to every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this Book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book. He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus.”

“Many of the leading doctrines of Popery,” says Bishop Heber, “are to all appearance subversive of some of the plainest and most essential articles of the Christian faith. Yet I cannot read the lives of Bellamini, Charles Boromeo, Vincent de St. Paul, Fenelon, and Pascal, without feeling that they were holy and humble men, incessant in prayer, and devoted to God, and to their inquiries after truth,—or