

they are not only in many passages mistranslated, but the oldest manuscripts from which our translation was made, were evidently deeply corrupted by interpolations, between the periods when they were originally composed and the formation of the canon, and probably also at a still later period, for the oldest MSS now in existence cannot be traced back further than the fourth century. Here the seeker after truth finds himself in a difficult way, every step of which requires to be taken with caution. On the subject of the authenticity and genuineness of the Apostolic writings many works have been written and most of these, though in the main correct, yet contain some deadly error, which some without due consideration are liable to imbibe. For instance, Prof. Reber says that the Epistle of James is the only work of the apostles that has come down to us without some evidence of fraud and corruption. But that deserving tribute to that apostolic work, by this gifted author is marred by the thought that he came partly to this conclusion from the fact that he did not believe in the literal resurrection of the body, a doctrine regarding which this epistle is silent, though implied, while Luther and others of the Reformers were disposed to reject it as spurious because it gives no support to the dogmas of the trinity, the dual nature of Jesus and the vicarious atonement, but speaks only of Jesus as a just man, and lays down the rule that good works are of equal importance with faith in the plan of salvation.

Our safest guide in these researches

is to take the Old Testament scriptures as the Standard of the Faith, and be cautious as to accepting any doctrine or practice that is not in harmony with the teaching of those scriptures, the facts of history, the teachings of science, and the principles of sound reason, yet reject nothing long held as sacred truth until after due investigation proves it to be an error. Paul's admonition is here worthy of acceptance, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

### A Nazarene Hymn.

#### ORIGINAL.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Restore the worship of you God,  
Return unto your ancient place,  
And tell Jehovah's love abroad.  
Your King Messiah soon will come,  
To reign upon his father's throne,  
To wake the sleepers of the Tomb,  
And gather all the ransomed home.  
Jesus of Nazareth was a man,  
Of Abraham's race, and David's seed,  
To reign as king he comes again.  
For so Jehovah hath decreed.  
Though ye are scattered far and wide,  
And oft have suffered grief and pain,  
He whom your fathers crucified,  
Will come and gather you again.  
Now soon will come th' appointed time,  
Long by the word of God decreed,  
The Land of Canaan it is thine,  
Your Scriptures are the title deed.  
Jesus, from out the rocky tomb,  
First rose triumphant from the dead,  
He first enlightened death's dark gloom,  
For him were all earth's glories made.  
And in the glorious age to come,  
He'll reign the King of all the earth;  
Then you'll possess your ancient home  
With all who are of Abram's faith.