

ulous. For, as a tree falls, so it lies ; as death leaves, judgment will find : No change after death from an afflicted to an happy place and state. Purgatory is a fancy, for the enriching the clergy, and impoverishing the laity. The notion of it a fatal snare to many souls, who sin with hopes of easy getting priestly absolutions at death, and buying off torments with their money. The soul at death goes immediately to judgment, and so to heaven or hell. No authentic place of scripture mentions so much as one word of any such place or state. Mr. Meriel told me, " If I found one error in our religion, it was enough to cause me to disown our whole religion." By his argument you may see what reason you have to avoid that religion that is so full of errors.

Bethink yourself, and consult the scriptures, if you can get them, (I mean the Bible) Can you think their religion is right, when they are afraid to let you have an English Bible ? or to speak with your father, or other of your Christian neighbors, for fear they would give you such convictions of truth, that they cannot remove ? Can that religion be true, that cannot bear an examination from the scriptures, that are a perfect rule in matters of faith ? or that must be upheld by ignorance, especially ignorance of the holy scriptures ?