

fallibility, nay take every pains to disclaim such a notion, how can they concede to each individual the right of Private Interpretation, and at the same time draw up "Creeds," and "Articles," and "Canons," and "Confessions of Faith," and publish them as containing the essence and true meaning of Scripture, and enjoin their members, under various penalties, to believe and subscribe them, even though such members should, in their private interpretation, not recognise as Scriptural, those curious Formulas? The moment private interpretation is admitted *as a right*, all Church authority is disowned, there can be no bond of cohesion; the Church has no right to command, to dictate, to prescribe or to punish; the individual is not bound to obey, and thus every thing in the nature of a Church or a Religious Society is at an end. The Catholic Church, therefore, is wise in encouraging the perusal of the Scriptures by those who are not likely to pervert them, and in regulating or controlling it if necessary, in those particular cases where the Pastor knows from experience that, no matter from what cause, they are more hurtful than otherwise, to any member of his flock. The vast number of Editions of the Catholic Bible in English, which have been published in the United Kingdom, and the United States, ranging through all prices and through all forms; the new Editions which are being published almost every year; the large sales of the Bible which are constantly effected by Catholic Booksellers, and the facilities afforded in every town for procuring or purchasing the Scriptures, so that every one can have them for a trifling outlay,—all these things