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PROVING
THAT ALL THE SINS AND IDOLATROUS COMPLICATIONS OF THE
PAPAL CHURCH ARISE FROM ONE CAUSE,
AND
THAT THE WHOLE IS TO BE ERADICATED AND CURED BY ONE
SIMPLE REMEDY.

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PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.

There is a direct antagonism existing between Popery and the Bible—the one is directly opposed to the other; they cannot exist together. As long as the Bible can be withheld, the profession of Popery can go on, whether with an individual or a nation; but as soon as the Scriptures become freely circulated and read, the profession of it will be forthwith abandoned; for the Bible, which contains God's truth, is the grand corrective of everything that is wrong either in creed or practice. It cries aloud "to the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Is. viii. 20.) See page 108.

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PREFACE.

SOME persons will be ready to ask, why bring out another work on Roman Catholicism, when so many have been already published? We reply, there is no reason whatever for another work, unless the subject can be further developed or better elucidated, or unless some new discovery has been made by which the mysterious complications of the Romish Church may be better understood and repudiated.

The Author professes to have made such new discovery; and to be able to show, that although the errors and idolatries of the

Romish Church are so numerous, yet that they all proceed from one simple cause, and that they are all to be eradicated and cured by one simple remedy: he professes not only to have made this grand discovery, but to be able to prove the same to the satisfaction of all.

Here let anyone turn from this preface, and read only pages 106 and 107 in this work, and we promise him such an intellectual treat in reference to the subject, as he never enjoyed before: he cannot fail to be electrified and illumined beyond all anticipation. And every page of this work, too, will be found so elucidatory, as to bring home to the mind of the reader a proportionate and correspondent force and conviction.

The Author has aimed at compressing much power in a little space, being well convinced that great books are great evils; few can spare the money to buy them, and fewer still the time to read them.

Note.

The words *Protestant* and *Protestantism* have been studiously avoided, and do not once occur in this book. The Author considers these words inapplicable to the subject. A good Christian protests against Hindooism and Mahomedanism, and also against those who deny the atonement and Godhead of Christ, quite as much as against Roman Catholicism : and, therefore, such words are inappropriate ; whilst they do not assist, they often prove very sickening and offensive.