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INTRODUCTION.

IN this age, so especially marked by extraordinary occurrences, the one which seems the most singular and astonishing, is that of a Bishop, in an Evangelical Church, publicly denying the veracity of large portions of sacred Scripture, which contain the primary and foundation truths of all divinely revealed religion. The Bishop here alluded to, is Dr. Colenso, Bishop of the African Diocese of Natal, who has amazed, as well as grieved, the Christian world by the book he has lately published, as a criticism on "The Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua." In this plainly profane work, he has gone even beyond the authors of "Essays and Reviews," by a more

manifest and enlarged hostility to Divine revelation generally. It is true he has not explicitly avowed that extended opposition, but he has, in effect, displayed it, by saying in his preface—“How hollow is the ground upon which we have so long been standing, with reference to the subject of the Inspiration of Scripture ;” and, further, in a subsequent page of his preface, where, after reciting that part of the declaration required of candidates for the clerical office, that they “unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures,” he remarks, “which, with the evidence now before me, it is impossible wholly to believe in.”

The Author of this Answer to Bishop Colenso having for more than *forty* years past been daily engaged in the prayerful examination and study of the sacred records, and having been thoroughly convinced of their Divine origin and character, and having experienced a good measure of that holy and joyous instruction they are designed and adapted to impart, he felt it a Christian duty to prepare and publish Answers to the various

positions and objections contained in the Bishop's profane and pernicious work. The Answers are applied to those objections as they appear in the several chapters of his book. It is hoped that they will assist, in some good degree, in exposing its fallacies and falsities, as well as numerous errors and miscalculations as to *numbers*, and its many mistakes and perversions as to the letter and meaning of Scripture.

The Bishop, from his place of abode, in nearly one end of the earth, has sent forth his pernicious work; and this Reviewer, though not a professed theologian, but merely a layman, belonging to a far distant region, in a nearly opposite part of another continent, has ventured to come forth in defence of sacred truth, against one who is so traitorously denying and opposing it.

By the title of his book, the Bishop professes to criticise only "the Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua," but he has shown his more extended hostility to the Scriptures, by selecting passages