

of perfecting the work. His providence has raised up scholars equal to the occasion, and has led to discoveries which point out the duty of using them, so timely and important do they seem. The newly revised book will not of course be set forth as *the* Bible of the Church. It will have to be submitted to the keen scrutiny of public opinion, and its merits decided by an appeal to the critical scholarship of Europe and America. And if, as I pray, the work may be brought to a successful issue, then, at the right time, the new version will gradually supersede the present one, and with the general good will of English speaking Christians, become the household word of God.

Regarding the prejudice raised against Revision by the admission of an Unitarian into the Company of Revisers, it ought to be enough to reply that the real scandal was in admitting to the Holy Communion one who could not repeat the Nicene Creed *ex animo*. If he be a man of great scholarship I can see no great harm in making use of him, no more than of using a Lexicon of value compiled by an Infidel. In the present state of scholarship, and in the publicity and keenness with which the version will be scrutinized, it is I think impossible that the work can be done in the interest of anything but *truth*, and we should remember that the persons who are responsible to the whole Church for the new version, are the Convocation of Canterbury, and not one or more of those employed by them for the important work.

You are, perhaps, aware that the two great Missionary Agencies of the Church of England, the S. P. G. and C. M. S. have united in asking all friends of missions to set apart Friday, Dec. 20th next, as a day of intercession for an increased supply of Missionaries throughout the world. The proposal has been sanctioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and I trust that the day may be universally observed, as it is the first time in which the Church of England has consecrated a day for prayer on behalf of Missions. I exhort you, my Reverend Brethren, to unite with the Church throughout the world in a due observance of the day by prayer and Holy Communion, and while offering up your prayers that God would send labourers into the harvest everywhere, do not