

tions were published. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire" has been translated into several languages, and though nearly thirty years have passed since it was first issued, it is still as popular as ever. Charlotte M. Yonge received for her book, "The Daisy Chain," ten thousand dollars, which she used for building a missionary college at Auckland, New Zealand. "The Sinner's Friend"—a very small pamphlet, but one which has accomplished much good—passed through two hundred and ninety editions, and was translated into twenty-three languages during the lifetime of its author, John Vine Hall. In less than eight years sixty-four thousand copies of the Rev. Dr. Hamilton's "Life in Earnest" were sold.

Great results have often been produced by the reading of standard works. It would take volumes to relate the inspiration given to men and women, and the influences that have directed them to begin some course of study, engage in noble enterprises and toil amid discouragements in life, until success became their righteous due. Gladstone, in acknowledging his indebtedness to Dante, wrote: "In the school of Dante I have learned a great part of that mental provision (however insignificant it be) which has served me to make the journey of human life up to the term of nearly seventy-three years. He who labours for Dante, labours to serve Italy, Christianity, the world." The late Sir Rowland Hill with many others, drew their early inspirations toward benefiting humanity from reading the stories written by Miss Edgeworth. John Bright's phraseology was moulded by reading Milton and the Bible. Dr. Duff carried a copy of "Paradise Lost" in his pocket, and read portions of it every day. This English classic and Johnson's "Rambler" exercised a very stimulating and beneficial influence upon his intellect. He spoke years afterwards of the great benefits he derived from reading these books. Anna Seward, the poetess, could repeat the first three books of "Paradise Lost" when only nine years of age.

It is impossible to estimate the immense amount of good done in the spiritual world by the publication of standard religious books. The Rev. Dr. Chalmers read some atheistical works, which beclouded his mind for years, and the intelligent perusal of Beattie's "Essay on Truth," removed the doubts and made him a firm believer in Christianity. John Aikman, of Edinburgh, was converted through reading Newton's "Cardiphonia." The