

(a name designating those books of the Old Testament which are not included under "the Law" and "the Prophets"—such as Job, the Psalms, &c.) strangely takes the place of "Apocrypha." As in the earlier editions of the Great Bible, Roger's preface to the Apocryphal books is retained, we light upon the astonishing statement that "the books are called Hagiographa because they were wont to be read, not openly and in common, but as it were in secret and apart." The preliminary matter resembles that of Matthew's Bible. The concordance, however, is omitted, and a short prologue is inserted, to explain the marks found in the text and margin. Short headings are usually prefixed to the chapters, but no book has a preface, unless the three or four lines expressing the general meaning of the Song of Solomon can be so considered.

Many copies of the Great Bible have been preserved. Mr. Fry, to whom we owe the most complete and accurate account of the various editions, has examined nearly one hundred and fifty copies; most of these, however, are incomplete, perfect copies being very rare. The library of the British Museum contains every one of the seven editions. At Lambeth Palace may be seen copies of the first two editions which may very possibly have belonged to Cranmer himself. Amongst the treasures of the library of St. John's College, Cambridge, is a splendid copy of Cromwell's Bible, printed on vellum and illuminated; another copy of vellum (April, 1540), presented by Anthony Marler to Henry VIII., is preserved in the British Museum. A useful reprint of the New Testament of 1539 will be found in Bagster's English Hexapla.

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