

A. No ; in the first place He could not command them to search the New Testament because it was not written ; nor could the command be general, for the Old Testament was only in the hands of the priests of the Old Law, and a few of the laity. Christ said to the Scribes: " You search the Scriptures, they give testimony of Me."

Before Protestantism commenced, there were upwards of twenty versions of the Scriptures into all the modern languages.

The first use printing was put to was to publish Catholic Bibles. First at

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| Mentz .. ..                                                                                            | .. Anno | 1462 |
| Bender's at Augsburg .. ..                                                                             | .. "    | 1467 |
| Entire Bible, Belgic, Cologne .. ..                                                                    | .. "    | 1475 |
| Delft Edition .. ..                                                                                    | .. "    | 1477 |
| Gonda Edition .. ..                                                                                    | .. "    | 1479 |
| Four versions mentioned by Beau-<br>sobre (Hist. de la Reformation,<br>libre iv.) printed before .. .. | .. "    | 1522 |
| Bruccioli's Italian .. ..                                                                              | .. "    | 1532 |
| Malermi's Italian .. ..                                                                                | .. "    | 1471 |
| Four Gospels, Belgic .. ..                                                                             | .. "    | 1472 |
| Julian's .. ..                                                                                         | .. "    | 1477 |
| Ferrier's Spanish .. ..                                                                                | .. "    | 1478 |
| Des Moulin's French .. ..                                                                              | .. "    | 1490 |
| Antwerp and Louvian .. ..                                                                              | .. "    | 1578 |

#### EARLY PROTESTANT VERSIONS.

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| Luther's New Testament .. ..    | .. Anno | 1552 |
| Tyndall's .. ..                 | .. "    | 1526 |
| First Belgic .. ..              | .. "    | 1527 |
| Luther's Old Testament .. ..    | .. "    | 1530 |
| Tyndale's Pentateuch .. ..      | .. "    | 1530 |
| Miles Coverdale's .. ..         | .. "    | 1535 |
| Olivetian's Old Testament .. .. | .. "    | 1537 |
| First Italian .. ..             | .. "    | 1562 |