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John Wycliffe.

WE expect that each of our little readers owns a Bible, and we hope that its truths are precious to each one. We now intend writing a few facts concerning the man to whom we are largely indebted (under God) for our English Bible.

John Wycliffe was born over three hundred and sixty years ago (1324) in England. Nothing whatever is known of his parents or early training, and it is not till he was over 40 years of age that he comes into view as a great thinker, and one of the bravest men of his generation. We say brave, for remember there is more true courage in opposing evil than is shewn in fighting battles with enemies. His courage and bravery was shewn in his bold attacks upon the errors of the

Church of Rome, and his determined rescue of God's Word from the darkness which had so long hidden it from the people.

For years, in the face of opposition, persecution and danger, he laboured to accomplish the work he had set before him, which was, to give the whole Bible in our own language to the people of England, so that every man in the realm might read in the tongue wherein he was born, the wonderful works of God.

How Wycliffe performed his noble task has been abundantly told in many a book on that theme of interest, the English Bible.

When his translation of the Bible

was completed, every possible effort was made to hinder its circulation, but still from generation to generation, copies of the proscribed volume were handed down as heirlooms in many an English home, often

