

India, 10 copies of the Old Testament and 19 of the New Testament have been purchased by members. The demand for Bibles both Hindi and English is good evidence that the habit of searching the Scriptures is becoming more general, and that the seed which is the Word of God is being silently sown in the soil which shall in due time yield a plentiful harvest.

The friends who have continued their support during a season of deep depression have our most sincere and hearty thanks. We still earnestly desire to see a wider and warmer interest awakened, a more systematic method of raising funds adopted, and a surer financial basis established. When the Church has done what is within her own power in this respect we may reasonably look for a larger outpouring of the Divine power and blessing. In conclusion, we acknowledge with deepest gratitude the goodness of God, in continuing to us the blessing of perfect health, and in bestowing upon us abundant tokens of his favour.

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THE COMPLETE BIBLE IN JAPAN.

On the 3rd of February, 1888, a meeting was held in the Shin Sakai church, Tsukiji, Tokyo, to celebrate the completion of the translation of the whole Bible into Japanese.

There was a large gathering of Japanese and foreigners, the church being filled, J. C. Hepburn, M. D., LL D., occupied the chair. Bishop Williams opened the meetings by reading the Nineteenth Psalm. The same Psalm was then read in Japanese, and addresses were made in both languages.

Dr. Hepburn, in the course of his remarks, suiting the action to the word, took a copy of the New Testament, which had long been completed, in one hand, and the Old Testament, just from the press, in the other, and reverently placing them together laid the volumes down—a complete Bible. The audience, knowing that he had spent the last sixteen years of his life almost entirely, in company with different co-laborers, in this work, and knowing the deep interest which he had in it, were visibly moved at the simple but touching action which thus symbolized the termination of these labors. The New Testament was completed in 1880.—*Phil. Pres.*

GOVERNING A BOY.

Get hold of the boy's heart. Yonder locomotive with the thundering train comes like a whirlwind down the track, and a regiment of armed men might seek to arrest it in vain. It would crush them and plunge unheeding on. But there is a little lever in its mechanism that at the pressure of a man's hand will slacken its speed; and in a moment or two bring it panting and still, like a whipped spaniel, at your feet. By the same lever the vast steamship is guided hither and yon on the sea in spite of adverse winds or current.

The sensitive and soft spot, by which a boy's life is controlled, is his heart. With your grasp firm and gentle on that helm, you can pilot him whether you will. Never doubt that he has a heart. Bad and wilful boys very often have the tenderest hearts hidden away somewhere beneath incrustations of sin or behind barricades of pride. And it is your business to get at that heart, keep hold of it by sympathy, confiding in him, manifestly working only for his good, by little indirect kindness to mother or sister, or even pet dog. See him at his home or invite him into yours. Provide him some little pleasure, set him to do some little service of trust for you, love him practically. Any way, rule him through his heart.

DEEDS NOT WORDS.

Men are to be estimated not by their professions, but by their performances; not by their words, but by their deeds. Some people are very strong on the spiritual side of religion, judging from their words, but very weak on the practical side, judging from their conduct. A religion that is justly discredited on its social side is unworthy of confidence on its spiritual side. He who is not true to man is not true to God; he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, how, inquires the apostle, can he love God, whom he has not seen? We judge the tree by its fruits, and we judge men by their acts. A man who is not strictly upright in life cannot be truly pious in heart. Piety can never be disconnected from morality. A man may be moral without being pious, but he cannot be pious without being moral. Every true Christian, like the apostle, endeavours to keep a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man.—*Methodist Recorder.*