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THE HISTORY OF ONE GERMAN BIBLE.

The Rev. G. P. Davies, the Society's Agent at Berlin, has lately obtained possession of a Bible whose history affords a striking illustration of the power of the Word of God, when accompanied by the Holy Spirit's teaching, to overcome all obstacles in the way of man's salvation, and to bring the poor sinner to a knowledge both of himself and of Christ. The history is placed on record here as an encouragement to those who sow in faith beside all waters, and who rest their hope of success in the promises of a faithful God.

"In the year 1781 a small 8vo. German Bible was printed in Nuremberg. It was the traditional Roman Catholic version, published by authority of the Church, and with the 'privileges of the Empire.' It had been originally translated by a renegade Protestant, amended by Benedictine monks, and 'improved' by the Mayence Jesuits. It was adorned with numerous copper-plate engravings, and must in its time have been a very beautiful book.

"The Bible itself is without note or comment; but prefixed to it is a preface, and affixed to it is a Catechism extending over 122 closely-printed pages of Nonpareil type. This Catechism was carefully edited with reference to the controversy with Protestants, by the Priests of the Noble Military Order of the Teutonic Knights in the Commandery of the Order in Nuremberg, and introduced by a preface. In the copy which I have before me the first pages of the preface to the Bible are wanting; the preface to the Catechism is complete.