

scriptures, for more than one thousand years after the establishment of Christianity, not until the year 1229, when a Synodical, not a general Council, assembled at Toulouse, for the purpose of counteracting their circulation, and then the people heard with astonishment, that a Christian Association was the first to interdict the reading of the Scriptures. The Councils of Toulouse and of Trent we call modern Councils, for they were held more than a thousand years after the establishment of Christianity. Against this innovation of modern Councils as Catholics and Bible Christians, we lift up our voices and say in the matter of circulating the Holy Scriptures, we must obey God rather than man. In this we follow the precedent of the Apostle St. Peter, who put it to the Jewish Council, to which he stood opposed, to answer the question themselves for him—"Whether it be right in the sight of God, that we should hearken unto you more than God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak of the things we have heard and seen."—Acts v. So we tell Father Damen and all his preachers, that we cannot consent to see the people perishing in ignorance, without making an offer to as many as will receive it at our hands, of that Word which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

On page 11, Father Damen compares the