

reverence I saw, in the British Museum, the Latin edition of Gutenberg's Bible, printed fifty years before a Bible was printed in England.

Before the foundation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in 1804, the Society for the diffusion of Christian Knowledge had distributed a few Bibles, but nothing in comparison to what was required. Ten thousand Bibles were sent to Wales, and when the question was put in the committee, "Shall we send the Bible to Wales?" the noble Joseph Hughes said, "To Wales, certainly, and if to Wales, why not to the rest of the world?" On the 11th March, 1804, a meeting was held at the London Coffee House and £700 subscribed to give the Bible to Wales, many liberal and noble Quakers contributing. During the seventy-one years since then, how much has been done! The boundless results will only be known when the light of eternity has been brought to bear on the subject. The first efforts of the society were small. In the first 25 years they only distributed a million copies, but year by year the number rose until in 1862, they struck two millions, and last year they distributed 2,400,000 copies of the Word of God. Since the formation of the Society they have distributed 71,000,000 Bibles directly, and 51,009,000 through other societies, numbering 122,000,000 in all. Does not this afford cause for rejoicing? Does it not show that we are engaged in no failing cause? Is it not a glorious success, and we are aiding in a triumph in contributing to a Society that has done so vast a work! The Society has translated the Bible into 210 languages, and counting reprints, have distributed it in 296 languages. Its income last year was £220,000 and the preparations for work this year are on even a more gigantic scale. Let us aid our brothers in England to give wings to the Word of God that it may fly over the earth and bless it. Look, too, at the noble donations on the books. One man in Ontario, gives £500, one in England, £5,000. The Queen gave £200, the Prince of Wales, £100, the Emperor of Germany, £190. The Marajah Duleep Sing gives £300 a year to the Society. The legacies last year amounted to £31,000, one was £5,000 from a lady in Warwickshire; a merchant gave £1,500, and another merchant, £2,220. Thus the little stream of Beulah has become a mighty river, carrying the merchandise of Zion on its bosom, and bearing the merchants of our God. Last year, 98,316 copies of the Bible had been distributed in France, 415,710 in Germany. In Germany and Switzerland, the very focus of rationalism, the distribution of the Bible has increased 15 fold in a few years. Thus in that land where it was upposd religion was wiped out, the Bible was going on conquering and to conquer. Last year the Bible was completed in the modern Russ, and a splendid copy of it presented to the Duchess of Edinburgh on her marriage. In Italy, by Trajan's column, there is a Bible stand. In China, 75,432 Bibles were distributed, and in Madras Presidency, 100,000, so that wherever you go, you find this Bible Society blessing every land, the nations waiting for it as for the dew. This Bible Society, like Moses when he was in his old age, its eye is not dim, nor is its strength abated. It is like the emblem of victory used by the sweet singer of Israel. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." It is the "little one" of Israel that "shall become "a thousand." It is like the grain of mustard seed of Christ's parable which groweth up and becometh greater than all herbs. For the Bible is like the river of life of the Revelations, flowing from the throne of God, and this Society is digging out channels for it. It is the tree of life giving out fruit every month, and we are called upon to do our utmost to aid in its distribution, and to promote its cause.

There were also interesting speeches from the Rev'ds. Messrs. Overy, Narraway, and Bennet, for some of which we regret much not having sufficient space left.—*St. John's Daily Telegraph.*