

Bible is a failure; education—apart from the Bible—may make fiends—not men. They educated, civilized and flattered in their clubs and their drawing rooms the chief man in the Indian mutiny, and he used his education and refinement to become a more successful leader in ferocious cruelty. A New Zealand chief was brought to London and given a training in civilization and morals, with a view to going back and elevating his people, and when he returned to New England he was the leading cannibal of his victorious army. Colenso, insisted that the savage of Africa needed only education and civilization to become equal to those taught by the word of God, and he put his conviction to the test by selecting certain lads, and carefully educating them with a view to proving that the Bible was an unnecessary adjunct, in raising the savage to civilized life. The experiment was an utter failure, the Bishop himself being the witness. Years were occupied in teaching and training choice lads—until the teachers were satisfied that the work was completed, then the lads were invited to remain, and be instructed in the Christian faith, but also told they were at liberty to choose their future life; without hesitation they chose to return to the savage life. They cast off all the restraints of civilization, all their supposed elevation, and gave conclusive evidence that there is no power apart from the Bible (used by the Holy Spirit) able to lift man out of barbarism, and place him on the road to peace and happiness—and to the recovery of that image of God in which he was created. Beyond all question if you would elevate a people and save them from destruction, you must take the Bible in your right hand and tell them of its divine truths. Britain might have sent to Australia, for example, her children, her commerce, her mechanics, her fine arts, her victorious flag, but if she had withheld her Bible she would never have possessed that glorious trophy of her greatness; she might have exterminated the natives by war, she might have destroyed them by vice and demoralization, she might have meted out to them the fate of the red man of Newfoundland, and possessed their country; but without the Bible she never could have built up in that prosperous