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HIS STUDIE WAS BUT LITEL ON THE BIBLE.*

IT is the duty of the profession to warn those who entrust to their care the great interests of education, about dangers arising from neglect, or indifference, or ignorance. Our brethren of the medical profession set us an excellent example in this respect.

Now we are all agreed that no education is worth much that does not teach a child its mother-tongue. In accordance with our modern theory of education, the State has not done its duty if citizens grow up unable to read or hear common English and understand it.

But common English is the English of the English Bible—English such as Buryan wrote, for instance, who knew no other book but the Bible.

“The style of Bunyan is delightful to every reader, and invaluable as a study to every person who wishes to obtain a wide command over the English language. The vocabulary is the vocabulary of the common people. We have observed several pages which do not contain a single word of more than two syllables. Yet no writer has said more exactly what he meant to say. For magnificence, for pathos, for vehement exhortation,

for subtle disquisition, for every purpose of the poet, the orator, and the divine, this homely dialect, the dialect of plain workingmen, was perfectly sufficient.”—*Macaulay's Essay on Southey's edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress."* p. 133.

“I opened my oldest Bible just now, yellow, now, with age, and flexible, but not unclean, with much use, except that the lower corners of the pages at the viii. ch. of 1st Book of Kings, and the xxxii. ch. of Deuteronomy are worn somewhat thin and dark, the learning of these two chapters having caused me much pain. My mother's list of chapters with which, learned every syllable accurately, she established my soul in life, has just fallen out of it, as follows: 'Exodus xv. and xx.; 11 Samuel i. ch., from 17 vs. to end; 1 Kings viii.; Psalms xxiii., xxxii., xc., xci., cxii., cxii., cxix., cxxxix.; Proverbs ii., iii., viii., xii.; Isaiah lviii.; Matthew v., vi., vii.; Acts xxvi.; 1 Corinthians xiii., xv.; James iv; Revelation v., vi. And truly, though I have picked up the elements of a little further knowledge . . . in mathematics, meteorology, and the like, in after-life, and owe

* Chaucer.