

it has created confidence, and, by the touch of a higher civilization, it has sharpened the edge of intelligence, and kindled the fire of spiritual life. The work is peaceful. No gunboat has had any part in it. No rifle has been discharged in its service. No sword has been unsheathed in its defence, and not one British soldier has even shed one drop of blood in its furtherance.

The work proceeds noiselessly, like the quiet lightning, regardless of the applauding thunder at its heels. It works silently as the harvest sun that ripens the corn, or the still moon that sways the tides.

The Bible Society is the friend of all religious societies and the rival of none. It has no natural enemies. Even in Russia it spends about £20,000 yearly, and circulates nearly half a million copies. Through the agency of all missionaries, and by the hands of its own six hundred colporteurs and three hundred Zenana women, it sends to all God's message, because they are God's children. It ignores all political landmarks and looks on all people as its seedfield. It joins in no scrambles for slices of territory: it assumes that the world is God's, and must be taught His word.

We need this divine book for private life as well as for public order. It is the only cement that binds society here. It is the only title-deed of our home hereafter.

In Berlin, a Hebrew artist, desiring to find new subjects for his pictures, began to search for them in the New Testament. As he read, the moral beauty of the Saviour made a deep impression upon him. The more he read the deeper was the impression, until he came to the profound conviction that Jesus was the Son of God.

Such, when once they begin to study it, is the influence of the New Testament upon those who have never known it. And yet how many of us Christians, who fancy we know it well, fail to find any decided evidence in our lives that we are gaining anything from it. We read it, but we do not grow by it. Is the reason that we are looking in it rather for doctrines, for truth, perhaps we may call it, than for Jesus Christ, who is the Truth? *To know Him, this is life eternal.—Observer.*

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