

this century 124 million copies of the Bible have been printed in England and America. A few years ago in the reign of Edward I, the price of a Bible was \$185, and it would have required the wages of 18 years to enable a laborer to purchase a single copy. B.

A STORY FROM JAPAN.

At a meeting in Japan where a number of Christian girls were gathered together the subject was, "How to glorify Christ by our lives." One of the girls said:

"It seems to me like this. One spring my mother got some flower seed; little, ugly, black things, and planted them; they grew and blossomed beautifully. One day a neighbor coming in and seeing these flowers, said, 'Oh! how beautiful! I must have some too: won't you please give me some seed? Now, if this neighbor had only just seen the flower seed she wouldn't 'ave called for them; 'twas only when she saw how beautiful was the blossom that she wanted the seed.

"And so with Christianity; when we speak to our friends of the truths of the Bible they seem to them hard and uninteresting, and they say: 'We don't care to hear about these things; they are not as interesting as our own stories.' But when they see these same truths blossoming out in our lives into kindly words and good acts then they say, 'How beautiful these lives! What makes them different from other lives?' When they hear that 'tis the Jesus teaching, then they say, 'We must have it too.'

"And thus, by our lives, more than by our tongues, we can preach Christ to our unbelieving friends."

SCRAPS.

He is evil that is willing to make evil men his friends.

Broad Churchism, now the bane of the P. E. Church in the United States, owes the greater part of its ill-omened success to the want of the Athanasian Creed in the public services of that Church.

Pain, which by nature leads us only to ourselves, carries on the Christian mind from the thought of self to the contemplation of Christ, His Passion, His merits and His pattern; and thence further to that united company of sufferers who follow Him. He is the great object of our faith; and while we gaze upon Him, we learn to forget ourselves.

Remember how, in the night storm on the sea, when the disciples' hearts failed them for fear of that dim, mysterious Form which drew near, half hidden by the darkness, the voice of their Master spoke instant peace. "It is I, be not afraid." If you, indeed, know Who it is that cometh to you upon the waves of afflictions, amidst the darkness of this trial, you will not be dismayed.

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