

ger to know the truth, a desire to learn more of the Word from our books, from the preaching of the Word, and from conversation, or from correspondence. And those believers upon whom the claims of the church systems rest the lightest are usually those who have studied the Word of the Lord the most carefully, constantly, and prayerfully. God recalls His people from error and shows them the truth by His Word, and when a soul is subject to the Word and searches it, he will be lead into all truth. We are always happy to find one who has learned many of the truths from the Word of God which we are engaged in scattering and teaching to the Lord's people.

I see more and more the great privileges the Lord has bestowed upon those who have learned much from the Word. Do we realize what treasures the Lord has given to us in the written ministry we enjoy? Take J. N. D.'s Synopsis of the Books of the Bible, C. H. M.'s Notes on Genesis, etc., and F. W. G.'s Numerical Bible, they are the best books in the world, as Bro. Cowles often tells people about our lending library books, "there are no books like them." A saint who owns and makes use of these books has a veritable mine of Scriptural written ministry at his disposal, whose full value can only be known in eternity. May our God enable us to possess ourselves of the treasures contained in this mine of precious Scriptural truth.

But my object in writing is to call attention to the value of the versions in Bible study, especially in the New Testament. Our common Bible is well known as the Authorized version.

For the N. T. we have in addition the version of J. N. D. and the Revised Version of 1881. What is the value of these versions as helps in N. T. study? Their value is very great, for a careful reading of the versions and comparison of one with another brings out much more clearly to the mind what is the real meaning of the Word of God.

Any translation must fail in some respects to convey the meaning of the original in a perfect manner, but we think it can truly be said that when a student of the English New Testament makes daily use of the two versions we have mentioned, or we might say of the common version and that of J. N. D. he will be in possession of what is most necessary in the study of this part of the Word, in fact there is little more to be desired in this direction. J. N. D.'s Version is the one most in use among those for whom we write, and is of very great value to them.

Do our readers realize what a truly valuable and scholarly work this version is? The divisions of the text are in accordance with its true meaning and are a real help to the understanding of the Word. The divisions of the A. V. are a great convenience in referring to passages, but they are sometimes very misleading. For instance as many well know, one of the great divisions of the Book of Romans lies between the eleventh and the twelfth verses of the fifth chapter, but the A. V. gives no indication of this. So the first verse of Acts viii. clearly belongs to chapter vii. It is a great help to have the text properly divided as in J. N. D.'s Version, the figures denoting chapters and verses being placed in the