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The University paper mills are situated at Wolvercote, near Oxford; and as far back as 1728, Hearne, the antiquary, wrote that some of the best paper made in England was made there. The Oxford University Press is famous for its India paper, which, it is not too much to say, has revolutionized the Bible, Prayer Book, and Hymn Book trades, being now used for the more popular devotional books all over the world. It has brought a better class of editions into existence. Those intended for the pocket have been reduced in bulk by fully one half, and the editions now in popular use are in larger type than was the case twenty-five years ago. On the other hand, a number of diminutive editions have been rendered possible, which would then have been regarded as miraculous. Since this paper was introduced, lighter and softer bindings have come into favour, while the heavy bevelled covers, mounted with metal corners and clasp, with which one used to be familiar, have disappeared.