

a monopoly to preach, or rather, we should say, to license others to preach, of "Divine Right!" when many of them have no right even to the Christian name,—far less to empower any one spiritually to preach, or to restrain any one from preaching. The negroes in this are manifestly in advance of the Bishops. "The publicans and harlots enter into the kingdom of heaven before you."

THE BIBLE,

"The glory of the rich, the inheritance of the poor, the guide to the way-worn pilgrim, the messenger of grace, and the means of knowledge, holiness, and joy to millions."

The price of a Bible in the year 1274, fairly written with commentary, was from \$150 to \$250; while in 1240, such was the value of labour, that two Arches of London Bridge were built for \$125! How great are the privileges of the present age, when a copy of the Bible can be had for 2s. 6d., and the New Testament alone for less than half that sum! Yet alas! how few realize their responsibilities to God for the abundance of light he has given concerning the things which pertain to a future world—and the liberty they now enjoy to use it!

In 1408, Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury, published a decree prohibiting unauthorized persons from translating any text of Scripture into English, or even reading a translation until approved by the Bishops or a Council, and several persons were burned alive for reading the Word of God!!! In the reign of Henry V. a law was passed, "That whoever should read the Scriptures in their mother tongue should forfeit Lands, Cattle, Body, Life, and Goods, from their heirs forever; and be condemned for heretics to God! enemies to the Crown! and most arrant traitors to the Land!"

The first printed edition of the Bible in any modern language was in German in the year 1461. Luther's translation of the New Testament came out in 1522, and William Tyndale's edition in English was printed at Antwerp in 1523. Those who sold it in England were condemned by Sir Thomas Moore, the Lord Chancellor, to public disgrace, and were required to cast their books into the flames. Tyndale was strangled and burned, with his companions, John Fry and William Roye. The dying prayer of Tyndale was, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

In 1506, the students at Oxford, who had even obtained the degree of Doctor of Divinity, had not read, and were not allowed to read, the Scriptures!

The present version was translated by 46 learned persons, and published in the year 1611. Yet, after the lapse of 234 years, and when the price is now so low, and societies distribute so many copies gratis, how many have not a copy of the Sacred Book—how many who have it do not read it—and how many more that read do not obey its instructions! In the city of London alone, in 1842 (this grand focus of the National Establishment), it was proved that nearly 40,000 persons had not a single page of the Holy Scriptures; and many persons were found who did not know what the Bible meant!

READERS!—"While ye have the Light believe in the Light, that ye may be the children of Light."