

chained to the reading-desk. Wyckliffe translated the Bible; a hundred and fifty years after his doing so, Luther's Reformation resulted, and the Dark Ages disappeared, after some eight hundred years of darkness. Since that time the Bible has been translated into every living language, and has been distributed in millions, and to-day in Great Britain some five million children are for half-an-hour daily taught its precepts, in accordance with the law of the land, either through their voluntary schools, which are denominational, or through their national schools, which are undenominational in their teaching of the scriptures.

The Atheist who does not believe the Bible may not regard that principle of education as worth anything; but as sure as the sun gives light to the world, so sure will spiritual light prevail in that nation, and it will stand forth as an example of the strength of the Bible, and show its value as a force in strengthening the nerve power of the nation in every trial and difficulty, and save it from that decay which has been the fate of nations and empires which were either ignorant of or ignored the underlying principles inculcated in its pages.

The class Mr. B. F. Underwood is writing for is undoubtedly guided by a high sense of morality to apply to the nations and their own self-government. They will doubtless, in fitting their children for their life's work, impress them with the idea that this world is the limit of their efforts and of their usefulness. They will advise them to concentrate those efforts on extracting the fullest measure of moral enjoyment while in it. There is no future for them; their lives may extend over thirty, fifty, or seventy years, and then they cease to exist. In the struggles and temptations of their lives, however, they may not be able to withstand the influence of the world around them. They are separated from the influence that guides their minds to a haven of rest beyond this world, and consequently they yield to abandon. If they were taught that the life they have been brought into is only a preparation for a future life, and not alone a passing existence, and that there is a sustaining power who, if appealed to, will not allow them to be tempted more severely than they are able to bear, abandon would yield to hope, hope to effort, effort to a conquering of self, and to a simple trust in the unseen. All this is learnt from the Bible, and the Bible alone—not in one part or in another part, but all over it, only some parts require greater understanding than others, just as some parts of science require greater understanding than others.

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