

hindrance "Fynished Apryle, anno 1589," and soon had an extensive sale. From its size it was called "The Great Bible." The Clergy were immediately required to provide "one book of the whole Bible of the largest volume in English, to be set up in the churches before Christmas."

"It was wonderful to see," says one, "with what joy this book was received, not only among the learned sort, and those that were noted as lovers of the Reformation, but generally all England over, by the common people—with what greediness God's Work was read, and what resort to places where the reading of it was. Everybody that could bought the book, or busily read it, or got others to read it to them if they could not themselves; and divers more elderly people learned to read on purpose; and even little boys flocked among the rest, to hear portions of the Holy Scriptures read." O what a beautiful picture of England is this! Although this was in Henry's reign, there is no evidence that he had any great liking for the Bible himself; but at his death his son Edward succeeded to the throne, who was one of the best princes that ever lived. On his coronation-day, when he beheld the three swords used on such occasions, he asked where the fourth was. His lords looked up with surprise, and asked what he meant. "The Bible," he answered; "that book is the sword of the Spirit, and is to be preferred before these swords; without that we are nothing, we can do nothing, we have no power. From that we are what we are this day; from that alone we obtain all power and virtue, grace and salvation." What wise and noble sentiments from the lips of this youthful monarch! He loved the Bible himself; he knew from sweet experience that its truths were precious to the soul. During his reign, which lasted six years, his people were nourished by the Word of God; every one read and studied it, with no one to molest or make him afraid. Fifty editions of the Bible issued from the press. These were good times for England. Bible truth took deep root on the English soil—too deep for his sister Mary, who succeeded him on the throne, to dig up or burn out.—*To be continued.*

INSTITUTION OF A NORMAL FEMALE CLASS AT MADRAS.

Elsewhere our young readers will see it stated that at present all the orphans in the *Calcutta Orphanage* are allotted. Let not any, who wish to aid, be discouraged: There are frequent applications for admissions, and the same plan is now applied