

GREAT BIBLE WORK.

New Edition of the Revised Version--
Thirty-Seven Years Task.

After thirty-seven years of work, the enormous task of drawing up full marginal references to the Revised Version of the New Testament will reach completion by the publication from the University presses shortly a new edition of the revised version—an edition which all clergymen, ministers, and biblical students in every corner of the world will desire to possess.

So far back as December 1873 the New Testament Company of Revisers requested the late Dr. Scrivener and Professor Moulton to undertake the task of compiling the references. The work progressed slowly, however, and in the edition of the Revised Version of 1893 only abridged references were published. Since Professor Moulton's death the entire work of compiling the fuller references has been carried out by Dr. A. W. Greenup and Dr. J. H. Moulton, son of the professor.

Dr. Greenup is now Principal of St. John's Hall, a college of divinity in Highbury. A conversation with him discloses the enormous amount of detailed work that has had to be accomplished. For instance, to many verses in the Gospels and Epistles have been added nearly a hundred marginal references, each bearing on the text and meaning of the verse. Innumerable commentaries and Testaments in English, French, German, Greek and Hebrew were read by Dr. Greenup for the purpose.

Ten Years on One Verse.

"I was engaged upon the task for thirteen years," said Dr. Greenup yesterday. "When I first undertook the duty I was rector of Alburgh, in Norfolk, and had more time than than afterwards, when I came to St. John's Hall. I have often worked ten and thirteen hours a day during my vacations. I used to go for the vacation work to a place I had in the country, Bram's Hill, Eversleigh—Charles Kingsley's old parish—taking with me two huge boxes filled with commentaries and books to read."

"I think I have read every commentary published upon the Testament as well as many different issues of the Authorized Version with marginal references. In my work I came across many curious volumes. There was, for example, a big Bible with large marginal references published privately in two volumes by Mr. John Rylands, of Manchester. Hearing of the work I was engaged upon Mrs. Rylands was good enough to give me copies of this volume."

To aid Dr. Greenup in his task very large sheets were printed with the Gospel texts in large type, with very ample margins. On these margins he compiled his list of references. "One verse may have taken me ten years to complete," said the doctor, "by my returning to it again and again. It was extremely trying work, and at one period my eyes gave way and I had to cease work for a time."—Daily Mail.

"Intellectuals" of Massachusetts Denounced

Declaring that a war against ideals, a war of corruption of sacred principles, was being waged on every side, Archbishop O'Connell, of Boston, denounced the folly of Massachusetts "intellectuals" who were said to be leading that war.

"Men who call themselves leaders in the intellectual world have openly and candidly and frankly avowed that one of the greatest steps of progress in our times is the destruction of all organized religion. I could name these men; I prefer not to do so. Everybody knows them. The war is more clearly against us of the Catholic Church than any other religion. It is a war against ideals, a war of corruption of sacred Christian principles, and it is going on on every side. These men declare that Christianity is a failure. These men are not in France, but here in Boston.

"I ask them: What will you give us in place of Christianity? You intellectual men must give us some scheme in its place, so that society may live and prosper. To this question, which is all important, there is no definite answer. They give us specious words about 'new thought,' which is as old as infidelity.

"We can argue very clearly what will be given us. They have to give us the omnipotence of the state. That is, we are to rise and work and study and read and eat for the state and

pray, if pray we do, to the state. All this we are to do by law. That is the first very agreeable condition. That means no human liberty left. We are all to be slaves! For what are we to live? We amount to nothing, merely ants in the ant-hill. What comes to me out of this? It is all for the glory of the state. But who is the head of the state to receive this glory? There is no head; it is all mere impersonalities. Nonsense! We human beings cannot live and work and die for impersonalities.

"What are the compensations they offer? One is free love! Don't be scandalized. They preach divorce as much as you like! This is very alluring for men who are only to be slaves. And this is given out as a mark of progress. This is taught, I learn from magazines that are considered reliable, to young girls in institutions of learning—young girls in this state of ours—that sacramental marriage should be abolished. What else? In the end there must be suicide, homicides of various kinds, and, finally despair.

"This is the creed which the intellectuals of Massachusetts are handing out as the substitute for the religion which Jesus Christ came to earth and died to give to men. And are we to be silent and let these doctrines spread among those given to our care.

"Only a few days ago I heard from one who saw and heard—an eye-witness—that a number of the fashionable ladies of Boston listened to an illuminating address on the Oriental harem, women of fashion and intelligence. Some one was brought to enlighten the Christian women of Boston on the delights of the Oriental harem! This is a fact! Twenty years ago; yes, ten years ago, Christian women here would have driven out of the town any such person, but that day is gone. We have progressed!

"We are not talking myths. There is a danger to the faith. It is no longer a danger; it is a reality. Hundreds of thousands have been swept out of their churches. We are, at least, not responsible for them, but we are responsible for our own, and we will not stand by to see our own swept down without a solemn and public protest. More! We gather our forces, and shielding them under the banner of the church, we remind them of what they promised when in baptism they renounced Satan with all his works and pomps."

PREPARING FOR REFORM.

London, February 25.—The House of Lords, apart from Lord Rosebery's motion, are discussing steps to reform themselves. Conferences are going on among the Unionist Peers, while Lord Lansdowne has also invited expressions of opinion from leading men of the Upper House. It is understood that the conclusions thus tentatively reached differ materially from the proposals made by Lord Rosebery's committee in 1908.

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