

Tomson was secretary to Sir Francis Walsingham, then Secretary of State; an inscription on a marble tablet in Chertsey Church celebrates his knowledge of twelve languages and the excellence of his character. On the very title-page of his Testament Tomson professes his obligations to or rather dependence upon Beza, whose annotations he reproduces to a very considerable extent. The text, however, is not much altered, and the chief characteristic of this edition is the large extent of the commentary in the margin. This revision passed through many editions, and was not unfrequently substituted for the Testament of 1560 in issues of the Geneva Bible.

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