

the book of the Revelation, and that it was his practice to repeat them once a year.

When Cranmer's edition of the Bible was published, in 1538, they who could procure it; they who could not, crowded to read it, or to hear it read in the churches, where it was common to see little assemblies of mechanics. meeting together for that purpose after the labour of the day—many even learning to read in their old age, that they might have the pleasure or instructing themselves from the Scriptures.

Two apprentices are mentioned, who joined their little stock, and bought a Bible, which, at every interval of leisure, they read; and being afraid of their master, a zealous papist, they kept it under the straw of their bed.

A certain man and his wife, having become true Christians, and being poor, and destitute of light for the evening, she would bring a handful of thatch, and kindle it, while he would make haste and read as much as he could from the Bible while the blaze lasted.

Another, being confined as a prisoner in a dark dungeon, when the light was brought that he might see to eat, would pull out his Bible and read, saying that he could find his mouth in the dark, but he could not read without light.

Some have been ready to part with all rather than with the Scriptures. We read of one who gave a load of hay for only a leaf of one of the epistles. The famous Boyle, speaking of the