

if possible, a current they could not prevent. They first published the New Testament in 1584, and the Old with a version of the New in 1609, at Douay, which is the one now used by Catholics, when suffered to use any.

The present translation, finished in 1613, has taken precedence, most justly, of all other translations in the English language. And in no language upon the earth can there be found so many copies of the sacred volume, or so widely diffused through the world, and read by so many people. What was the misty, glimmering morning of the English Bible in 1535, is now the risen day. Its influence on the character and the destinies of the human family must be greater, for various reasons, than the same volume in any other language, and the contemplation of the full extent of which will be a delightful theme for those who shall be heirs of salvation.

ADVANTAGE OF FEMALE EFFORT IN THE BIBLE CAUSE.

It is the decided opinion of your Committee—and such opinion is fully supported by experience in every quarter—that a Ladies' Association gives more efficiency to one of the grand objects of the Bible Society than any other portion of its constitution. By means of the united exertions of Females, the inferior orders of society are brought more closely and more universally into contact with the Bible Society, and introduced to a participation in its magnificent and merciful plans. Not only are their own individual wants supplied, by being made possessors of a Bible, of which they were before destitute—and that, too, in a way calculated to give a stronger interest to their minds in their possession of that inestimable treasure, by its being their possession by purchase, and not a gift; but, what must be

regarded as a subject of great moment, they are brought, in very many instances, to take a deep and lively interest in the spread of the knowledge of divine truth amongst others; they are made acquainted with the awful destitution of the word of God throughout Christian countries; and they have brought before their eyes the equally awful fact, that many millions of their fellow beings are wholly unacquainted with the word of eternal life, and are consequently living without God in the world, and dying in vast numbers, daily, without hope.

Now, such subjects as these—the very slightest breath of the sound of which, a few years since, never reached their ears—are adapted to call forth the noblest feelings of the heart, and to excite to the most generous action: they are calculated to generate a spirit of sympathy beyond all others. And it is well known, that, in very numerous instances, this has been the delightful consequence. A new world has been opened to the eye of the mechanic, the labourer, and humble cottager. He has been called out of his own narrow sphere, where, for want of opportunity of charitable exercise, in too many instances, his heart had contracted a degree of narrowness also; so that his world was little more than the shop or factory in which he worked—the land on which he toiled—the cottage on which he reposed. The Bible Society has carried to his home and hearth, the whole of his native land—the broad expanse of the earth; and he is taught by it, to be interested in the spiritual and eternal happiness of the four quarters of the globe.

Above all, he is led to regard himself in a light, which but dimly, if at all, shone upon him before—as a subject among the unnumbered millions of the Redeemer's Kingdom. He might have been a man before,