

of the Church. And one of these Reformers, Wickliffe, Master of Balliot College, Oxford, undertook the noble work of translating the whole Bible into English. After this the Reformation proceeded slowly but surely, and by the invention of printing, the greatest possible helps were given in spreading abroad the knowledge of the Scriptures. In the reign of Henry the viii., a copy of the English Bible was placed in every Church, secured by a chain to the reading desk (for fear anyone should steal such a new and precious treasure), and hundreds of people flocked at all hours of the day to read and study it for themselves, or to hear it more frequently by others. From this time the Bible was freely read aloud in the services, except during Queen Mary's reign, when all went back into the darkness of Satan again, and Cranmer's "Great Bible" became improved from time to time, until at last, in 1611 our noble "Authorized Version" was given to the English Church. It is from Cranmer's edition, the Psalms in the Prayer Book are taken, this version being smoother and more adapted to chanting. Long may the Bible remain among us as the great charter of that religious "liberty wherewith Christ has made us free," and the great storehouse of spiritual truths by which the soul is made "free indeed!" And do Thou, "Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast

the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*WILL YOU DO IT.*

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God wants you to love Him with your whole heart. Will you do it?

God wants you to hate sin as He hates it. If you do not, sin will ruin your soul.

God wants you to trust the Saviour who died for you. To trust Him is to be saved.

God wants you to read and love the Bible. He wrote it for you. Will you not carefully study it?

God wants you to praise and pray. Use your lips for this, and not for idle words.

God wants you to leave the broad way of death and to walk in the narrow way of life.

Will you not do it?

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*BE FIRM.*

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AN English admiral, who rose to his high station by his own steady exertions, used to be fond of relating, on leaving an humble lodging to join his ship as a midshipman his landlady presented him with a Bible and a guinea, saying; "God bless and prosper you, my lad; and, as long as you live, never suffer yourself to be laughed out of your money or your prayers." The young sailor carefully followed this advice through life, and had reason to rejoice that he did so; while thousands have regretted, when too late, they have pursued a different course.

Never let your honest convictions be laughed down! Be true to yourself, and in the end you will not only be respected by