

sent to Ayrshire, where it was tamboured; afterwards it was conveyed to Dunbarton, where it was hand-sewed, and again returned to Paisley, whence it was sent to a distant part of the county of Renfrew to be bleached; and was returned to Paisley, whence it was sent to Glasgow, and was finished; and from Glasgow was sent by coach to London.

It is difficult to ascertain precisely the time taken to bring this article to market; but it may be pretty near the truth to reckon it three years from the time it was packed in India till, in cloth, it arrived at the merchant's warehouse in London. During this progress it must have been conveyed 5000 miles by sea, and 920 by land; and contributed to the support of no less than 150 people, whose services were necessary in the carriage and manufacture of this small quantity of cotton, and by which the value has been advanced 2000 per cent.

PROHIBITION OF THE BIBLE.

IN the reign of Henry the Fifth, a law was passed against the perusal of the Scriptures in English. It is enacted, "That whatsoever they were that should read the Scriptures in the mother tongue, they should forfeit land, catel, lii, and godes from theyre heyres, for ever: and so be condemned for heretykes to God, enemies to the crown, and most errant traitors to the lande."—Such was the intolerance and misguided zeal of this otherwise great monarch, goaded, as he undoubtedly was, by the bigotry of the principal ecclesiastics of his time. The new translation of the Scriptures, by Wickliff, was the work against which this hostility seems to have been directed.