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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN



the year, as shown by the fact that it is incomparably the world's "best seller." But it is especially "The Christmas Book," for it is the very fount of the Christmas inspiration and of the Christmas spirit.

may quarrel among themselves. Fundamentalists and modernists may fiercely the "wisest fool in Europe." dispute about the authority of the Bible. The Reds may predict the decline and fall of Christianity. Never- bonor probably belongs to a manutheless, Christianity, after nineteen script translation of about 1380 by centuries still remains the driving John Wycliffe, the famous preacher, power of the world. And the central from the Latin Vulgate. Incidentfact of Christianity is Jesus Christ- ally, it is of interest to note that in His life, His person, His teachings. So his preface Wycliffe wrote, "The Bible the Bible is the Christian Book.

account of the birth of Christ are which is suggestively similar to Lingiven exactly as found in the modern | coln's famous utterance in his Gettysprinting of the King James Bible, burg Address. How many manuwhich is still the accepted text with script copies of Wycliffe's translation many churchmen, notwithstanding the were made is not known; eight of his many versions which the centuries time are still in existence. It is have brought. It is often called the known, however, that these manuthat it had the sanction of both the culation in England down to the end

The King James translation had in-Hampton court. It was then deter- is herewith reproduced. Its date is mined that a translation should be MDXXXV-1535-as the fac simile made which could be accepted as shows. It was not a translation from fundamentally correct. Forty-seven original Greek and Hebrew texts, translators were named from the fore- from the "Douche and Latyn," as the most scholars of England. The first title page sets forth. The names of draft was completed in 1609. Two translator and printer are not set years were devoted to revision. It forth But they are known. was printed in London in 1611 by Rob- translator was Miles Coverdale (1488-

lehem of Judea in the days of Herod dress to King James of the translators, fect copy is known to be extant. the king, behold, there came wise men of which the beginning and fourth Much of the lettering of the illus-

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To the Most High and Mighty Prince James, by the Grace of God. King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, De-fender of the Faith, &c. the Translators of the Bible wish Grace, Mercy and Peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. There are infinite arguments of this right Christian and religious affection in Your Majesty, but none is more forcible to declare it to others than the vehement and perpetuated desire of acmplishing and publishing of this present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness had once out of deep judgment apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the Original Sacred

Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English Tongue; Your Majesty did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the work might be hastened, and that the business might be expedited in so decent a man-ner, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

This James (1566-1625) was the son of Lord Darnley and Mary Queen of VIII (1491-1547)-Bluff King Hal-the Christianity is the driving power of Scots. In 1567 he became James VI king of many wives-procured in 1534 the world. Skeptics may point to the of Scotland and in 1603 succeeded World war as evidence that Chris- Queen Elizabeth as James I, king of tianlty has falled. Churches and sects England, Scotland and Ireland. He English church with Rome and apwas said by his contemporaries to be The King James version is by no

means the first English Bible, That is for the government of the people, The four verses from St. Matthew's by the people and for the people"-English king and of English scholars, of the Fifteenth century.

Now we come to the first complete 1568), and the printing was done in That this translation was an impor- Switzerland, probably in Zurich. It is

trations can be read. The upsidedown scroll in connection with Adam and Eve and the serpent in the Garde

"In vyhat daye so ever thou eatest thereof thou shalt dye."

Note the "vv" which is used for "w." which is not followed in the center lettering. In old English v and u were practically interchangeable; hence w was literally double-u. The seventeenth verse of the second chapter of Genesis in the King James version rends:

"But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

A significant piece of decoration on this title page is that at the bottom between the two scrolls. It quite evidently represents King Henry VIII, to whom the translation was dedicated by Myles Coverdale, presenting this first complete English Bible to church and civil dignitaries. Henry the passage of the Act of Supremacy which severed the connection of the pointed the king and his successors the protector and only supreme head of the church and clergy of England. So it was quite in order for him to bring out a new version of the Bible. An odd bit of decoration for the title page of a Bible is the suggestion of the Order of the Garter, with its famous motto. This is the highest order of knighthood in Great Britain, and its membership is about 50, including the sovereign, the Prince of Wales and 24 knights companions. It was established by Edward III (1312-77) about 1345. The legend of it is that at a state ball the Countess of Salisbury lost her garter, which Edward picked up and placed on his own knee. His courtiers there-"Authorized Bible," for the reason script copies were in semi-secret cir. upon snickered, whereupon the king exclaimed (as we now write it) "Honi solt qui mal y pense." This literally means: "Shamed be he who thinks ception in 1604 at a conference at English Bible, the title page of which evil of it." We now translate it: "Evil to him who evil thinks."

Suppose we put the king's utterance conversely thus: "Good to him who good thinks." That is not so very far from "Peace on earth to men of good will," as the Roman Catholic Douay version of the Bible translates The the Christmas message.





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