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W. C. THOMAS
LONDON

This is the
first English
Bible printed
in the reign
of Edward VI
Aug. 16, 1549

The Bible and Apocrypha, now lately with great industry and diligence, recognised (by Edm. Beche) translated by T. MATTHEW, with THOMAS'S TYPE, printed by T. MATHESON, with THOMAS'S TYPE, in the reign of the King of R. James I. this folio.

The last preceding Edition was printed in 1541 - no Edition before 1541 and 1543.

In view of the solid and correct character of this book we read the following, but of English history with peculiar interest.

"Many and touching are the tales recited respecting its circulation and use. Sometimes it was read in the secret chamber of the midnight lawyer, or in the fields and forests, far away from the haunts of men, and sometimes it was concealed from the prying search of officers, in warehouses under heaps of fleas, in cottages under the beeching of the floors, and in many other ways which show ingenuity devised."

This edition is of great importance to the annals of the English Bible. It may be called the second version, as it uses the first after Coverdale's, from whose text it was published with improvements by Egerton, Sir Ralph Bayne copy finished 1534, Mr. Pitsche's, 1801, Lea Wilson's copy, at Gardiner's sale, 1836, 2120; Perkins's, 1841, 2120.

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London, vol. 1. p. 178.
"(Matthew). The Bible, now lately with great industry and Diligence recognised (by Edm. Beche) Lond. by John Daye and William Seres, 17 Aug. 1549. folio."
22 leaves are wanting in this copy, viz:—
The title, & 8 following leaves.
fol. XXVIII, of Apocrypha."
"CX, CXII, CXIII, & CXV—CXXI, of New Testament."
Table, 2 leaves.