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I refer of course to the ~~astonishing~~ wonderful effect of the Bible in human life. No other book has ever had a comparable influence. Savage tribes have been changed into godly nations through the influence of this book. Drunkards have become useful temperate citizens. Every Christian knows many instances of the ~~wonderful~~ marvelous effects of this book. One such instance, perhaps less well-known, might be described. In 1790 nine British sailors, mutineers ^{from} of the British ship Bounty, together with 18 natives of the ~~South~~ Polynesian islands, ~~six~~ ^{six} of whom ^{were} were men and twelve were women, landed on ~~Pitcairn Island~~ an uninhabited island ^{in the south seas,} Debauchery and riotous living ~~soon~~ led to murder and savage violence. ^{After ten years} ~~At the end~~ only one of the sailors remained alive. Going through the supplies that had ^{been taken} ~~come~~ from the Bounty, she came across a Bible and began to read it. Soon he was converted, and became a godfearing man. His influence ~~soon~~ changed all the survivors, and ~~eventually~~ the community became peaceable, moral and industrious. Years later it was discovered by a British ship, which found a ^{civilized} ~~prosperous~~ community of over a hundred people.

In recent centuries those nations which have had the open Bible have prospered. They have become strong and wealthy, and have led in science and industry. They have gone far ahead of other countries. ^{More} ~~In recent years,~~ alas! some of these lands have become proud of their accomplishments and have tended to turn away from God and His Word.

One of the nations in which the open Bible ~~has~~ was most effective in the sixteenth century was Germany, the land of Luther. As a result of its teaching, traits of character were developed which rapidly brought Germany to a high place among the nations. Even today among the German masses, gentleness, kindness, thrift and honesty are widespread-- qualities developed as a result of the influence of the Bible and not found to so great an extent in lands where the Bible is ~~of~~ little ~~influence~~. But in German the Higher Criticism with