

Islands, of whom six were men and twelve were women, landed on an uninhabited island in the south seas. Debauchery and riotous living led to murder and savage violence. After ten years only one of the sailors remained alive. Going through the supplies that had been taken from the Bounty, he came across a Bible and began to read it. Soon he was converted, and became a godfearing man. His influence changed all the survivors, and the community became peaceable, moral and industrious. Years later it was discovered by a British ship, which found a civilized 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 recently, 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 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