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**The  
Romance  
of the  
Book**



**The Bible  
and  
The Bible Society**

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**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY  
CHICAGO BIBLE SOCIETY  
35 E. Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Ill.**

## THE BIBLE

### *WHERE WRITTEN?*

In Palestine and adjacent countries.

### *WHEN WRITTEN?*

Probably about 2,000 B. C. to 90 A. D.

### *BY WHOM WRITTEN?*

By pious men of God, under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

### *WHY WAS IT WRITTEN?*

By God's direction, to show His leading of His chosen people and His dealings with His Children. To reveal His will and show forth His Son and His plan for earthly and eternal life.

### *HOW WAS IT WRITTEN?*

On parchments—paper or skins—the Old Testament in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. All these original manuscripts are lost, but copies and copies of copies are extant.

### *HOW WAS IT PRESERVED?*

In ancient libraries, on monuments and in tombs, etc. Many thousands of these fragments are now extant.

### *HOW HAS IT BEEN TREATED?*

Blasphemed and savagely attacked by some—it has withstood all such attacks—loved and revered by many—it has grown in favor, till today it is the most popular book in the world, the most loved book and still "The World's best Seller."

### *HOW MANY WERE CIRCULATED LAST YEAR?*

Over 30 million, counting Bibles, Testaments or Portions—each one a complete volume.

## THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

### *WHAT IS IT?*

An undenominational organization of Christians.

### *WHAT IS ITS OBJECTIVE?*

To translate, publish and circulate the Holy Scriptures.

### *WHEN WAS IT ORGANIZED?*

In 1816. It was a getting together of many smaller, similar organizations.

### *WHO ARE MEMBERS?*

Any one contributing \$5.00 per year is an Annual Member. Any one contributing \$50.00 at one time is a member for life.

### *WHERE IS ITS HEADQUARTERS?*

In New York City, Bible House, Astor Place.

### *DOES IT HAVE SUB-AGENCIES?*

Yes, 12 in Foreign Countries, and 10 here in the United States.

"The Northwestern Agency" with Offices at 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, comprises the States of Mo., Ill., Ind., Mich., Wis., Minn., Iowa, N. Dak. and So. Dak.

### *WHAT DOES "TRANSLATION" MEAN?*

The Bible in whole or in part has now been translated into 940 different languages. This Society has had a great part in this monumental piece of work. Only organized cooperative work could possibly have done it.

### *HOW IS THE PUBLICATION DONE?*

For years the Bible Society had its own printing plant in New York where most of the printing was done, but now it is done by commercial

presses in different places. The first book printed on a movable type printing press, was a Bible and since that time, "The Bible has never been off the press."

### **HOW DOES IT CIRCULATE THE SCRIPTURES?**

By sales, by gifts where necessary. The colporteur going from door to door is a romantic character, — as Pres. Wilson once said, "He is weaving the warp of humanity together."

### **WHAT IS THE CHICAGO BIBLE SOCIETY?**

It is a Local Bible Society, Auxiliary to the American Bible Society, to aid and help in supplying Chicago and Cook County with the Bible.

### **WHERE ARE ITS HEADQUARTERS?**

It has joint offices with the American Bible Society.

### **HOW IS IT SUPPORTED?**

By contributions, income from sales and legacies.

### **WHAT IS ITS SPECIFIC WORK?**

Supplies Churches, Sunday Schools, Hospitals, Homes, Jails and Christian Workers in all Christian Work.

### **WHO CAN BELONG TO IT?**

Anyone who can aid in this basic and needed work.

### **WHERE CAN WE SECURE OUR BIBLES?**

In our depository, 35 E. Wacker Drive, you will find a complete line of over 1,300 editions in stock.

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