

western monestaries. The intereste evidently was much less in the Bible in that eastern section than in the west. Eventually in 1453 Constantinople was conquered by the Mohammedans and some of the refugees who excaped took MSS with them and brought them to the east(?) and that brought on the Renaissance, the great interest in the Greek language, and Greek began to be studied all through the western world, and there was great interest increased in Latin as a result of that.

Then printing was invented in the ~~est~~ west. They had had it in China centuries before but it was reinvented in the west, and the first Bible printed was the Latin Bible, the Gutenberg Bible. But 50 yrs. after that a Cardinal in Spain decided that he would like to get out a big set of 6 or 7 big volumes that would have the Heb. OT and the Greek NT, and the Greek translation of the OT, and the Latin translation of all of them, and also the ancient Coptic and one or two other languages. He wrote to Rome where they had the best library for the collection of MSS, that there was anywhere in the western world, and they lent him a number of MSS. He got scholars to copy from them and they prepared a Greek text. They printed these == that is they prepared it for printing but they could not publish it without the Pope's permission, and the Pope was too busy about that time to give permission. So they had the books all ready but they did not get published. Meantime there was a publisher in Switzerland who decided to get out a publication of the Greek NT, and he got Erasmus the great enemy of Luther -- Erasmus the man who could see the truth of the Bible and who liked to attack all the errors of the Papacy so long as no danger came to himself. The minute someone