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THOMAS BILNEY.

THOMAS BILNEY, called by some the Apostle of Cambridge, was converted from the Popish superstitions by his reading of the New Testament in Latin, translated by Erasmus; which he procured, and was desirous to read, because of the great name of Erasmus, for his skill in the Latin tongue.

He had scarce (as he says in one of his letters) cast his eye on the book, but he perceived such inward comfort, by applying the text to his own condition, that his reading began to be more pleasant to him than honey or the honeycomb. He says, that he then learned that the exercises of an austere life, and absolution, &c. could not be effectual to a Christian in his warfare, but through a true belief in Christ: that if this condition were wanting, his pains and