



WHY I ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE, ALL THE BIBLE.

[Written for the "Reporter" by Mrs. Stella Campbell, of San Francisco, Cal., who at present is in the east among friends and relatives in Centre county.]

PART I.

"Surely you do not believe everything in all the Bible, just as it is found in the old and new testaments," one would say. "That is exactly what I do mean. The Bible points to God as its author, yet it was written by human hands, and in the varied style of its different books it presents the characteristics of the several writers. The truths revealed are all 'given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16); yet they are expressed in the words of men. As presented through different individuals, one writer is more strongly impressed with one phase of the subject; he grasps those points that harmonize with his experience or with his power of perception and appreciation; another seizes upon a different phase, and each, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, presents what is most forcibly impressed upon his own mind—a different aspect of the truth in each, but a perfect harmony through all. In His Word, God has committed to men the knowledge necessary for salvation. God has been pleased to communicate His truth to the world by human agencies, and He Himself, by His Holy Spirit, qualified men and enabled them to do this work. The Ten Commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were written by His own hand. They are of Divine and not of human composition. Yet you are aware of the fact that evolution and science the past few years have demonstrated that the Bible story of creation is only a beautiful poetic fable; that all records of miracles are but legends recounted by credulous people in an age of rank superstition and blissful ignorance. I am aware of the fact that there are people who do not believe the Bible today any more than they believed it a thousand years ago. Today it is the ministers themselves who too often deny the truths of the Bible; who do in the pulpits what the professional skeptics tried to do in hired halls. Any truth must be believed by any one who expects benefit from it. The truth that two times three make six is a fact that all interested in mathematics must of necessity accept as fact if they are to make any headway in mathematics. One may argue to the end of the world that two times three is in the process of evolution, and that it originally made four and then five, and then six, but that now it has evolved to seven, but all the argument that can be used will never make it seven, nor has it ever been other than six, nor will it ever be.

So many people are guilty of this sin of the rejection of Christ through the rejection of Moses and the Old Testament, that only by a realization of what their act means can they be brought to sense its seriousness. If they realize that they are making a liar and deceiver out of Christ, many will awaken as from a fool's nightmare and mend their ways of thinking and their ways of living.

There are no idle words in the Bible. The man who does not believe Moses in every particular, I boldly assert, cannot believe Christ. "Absurd, posterous!" cries the objector. "They have nothing to do with each other." "Had ye believed Moses, you would have believed Me," said Christ, "but if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" (John 5:46, 47.) Mark you, this is in the present tense. It applies just as much to the reader today as it did to the Jews in Christ's day.

Christ believed all the Scriptures. We must remember that the higher we exalt the words of Christ, the higher we place the writings of Moses. All the Old Testament is likewise authenticated, for He said to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24:25, 27.) Man is not to live by bread alone, said Christ, "but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4.) And this very quotation, together with two others, was taken from the writings of Moses. Thus did the Son of God gain victory in the Wilderness of Temptation by "using as the very Word of God the books of Moses.

His words have been the wonder of the world. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," said Christ. Age has not dimmed their light, lessened their sweetness nor diminished their force.

Every man and woman sooner or later comes to the crossroads of life. I do not mean the crossroads in bus-

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Breezes from the Presbyterian Manse.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick and some of her music pupils gave a recital at the home of Arthur Peters, Oak Hill Station, on the eve of Dec. 28. The pupils did creditable work.

The Christmas season has been much enjoyed by the Kirkpatricks. The different churches remembered them as follows:

The Pine Grove Mills church with a purse of \$42, and fresh pork. The Centre Hall church put on a social at the Manse at which there were in attendance some 80 people. The banquet was furnished by the Ladies Aid. The Manse was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season by the residents of the manse. Many lively games were played. The music was provided by the following characters: Soprano solo, Miss Nan McWilliams; a piano trio by the Reardon sisters—Florence, Luella and Sarah. And the group of people who believe in a "sing" for all finished the musical program. The leader of this group was Dr. J. V. Foster, of State College, who was in years gone by a citizen of our city. At this social Charles Arney gave the Kirkpatricks \$4.00, which completed an Xmas gift of \$25.00 from the Centre Hall Presbyterian church, and the K's also received a chicken, sausage, ribs, backbone, and tenderloin, and a load of wood from members of this congregation.

When the church services were completed on New Year's eve the Kirkpatricks went home to find their home full of Lemont Presbyterians. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Meyes, Hilda and Kenneth Meyes, Mr. and Mrs. Forest, Elwood Evey, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Brien and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Louder, Dorothy, and Ross Daniel Louder, Miss Miriam Dreese, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shuey and Madeline, Miss Nell Peters, Mrs. Mary Runkle, John Bathgate and sister Alverda, Mr. and Mrs. George Bohn, David Reese, Clifford Warner, J. H. and James G. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Louder and daughter, Mrs. Elmer Campbell, Mrs. Philip Bradford, Mrs. E. W. Evey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenn and son Robert, Lewis Baylet, Mrs. Emma Bathgate and daughter Helen, Samuel Glenn and daughters Eleanor and Margaret, J. T. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Glenn, Norman Engler, P. W. Knepp, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wasson, Priscilla, Eleanor, John, Glenn and Paul Wasson. The Kirkpatricks received from these Lemont people \$15.00 in cash, 50 lbs. sugar, wool blankets, potatoes, apples, fresh pork, lard, a chicken, eggs, butter, canned vegetables, fruit, soap, and other things. After games, fun and refreshments—Lemont about midnight.

The Kirkpatricks say to all these good people: "Come again!"

The church and Sabbath school room were filled to overflowing Monday night to hear the good sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Catherman. Special music by the male quartette.

Wife Slayer Sentenced.

Dr. Herbert J. Bryson, who was convicted of murder in the second degree last September for killing his common-law wife, Helen Irene Haines, wife of Bruce Haines, of Washington, D. C., last April while the couple were living at Cassville, Huntingdon county, was refused a new trial by Judge Bailey and sentenced to 14 to 18 years in the Western Penitentiary. The Court intimated that he had escaped the electric chair by a narrow margin. Bryson's defense was insanity, superinduced by shell-shock during his military experience in the Argonne.

ness, or the crossroads in society, but the crossroads in religion. No matter how important the decisions that must be made in choosing a vocation in life, or that the decisions in realms of religion are the most important that we are called upon to make.

In this time of confusion and turmoil and general amnesia, men will do well to take down that Book from the shelf and study it. Forget Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Catholics, and all other denominations and shades of belief, and study the Bible for yourself. Open its pages with a prayer on your lips for an open mind and a receptive heart. Read it through from Genesis to Revelation, not hurriedly, but ponder over every one of its golden texts and divine precepts. When you have done you will no longer be in bewilderment. The path that you should walk will be as a shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day. You will have found Christ Jesus "the way, the truth, and the life."

Will you be one who will be bold enough to launch out for himself in independent Bible study? Until you do, you will always be in a labyrinth. But when you do, you will discover that the way of life is made plain, and that it is easy to follow if you make Jesus Christ your daily guide.

Loganton Booze Story Revived.

The return to Williamsport and Lock Haven of P. D. Farrington, one of the owners of the Loganton booze farm, known as the Florida Fruit Farm, revives the story of the raiding of that farm on July 6th of last year, the escape of Farrington and the discovery of forty barrels of liquor, as well as other intoxicants in jugs, etc., three stills, coloring matter and other booty. The liquor is now in the Lycoming county jail.

Farrington appeared unexpectedly in Williamsport, and when placed under arrest convinced the authorities that he was already under \$1000 bail for his appearance at the next session of the Federal court to be held in Sunbury. Communication with authorities at Greensboro, North Carolina, proved that bail had been furnished. Farrington claims that he was not at the farm since February. He stated that he can verify this fact through federal officers at Greensboro, where he has a wife and family. He charges Gardner, who with Luther Self are fugitives from justice, with operating the farm during his absence, and rather depreciates Gardner's ability as a distiller.

Grange Auditors Meet.

The accounts of John Grove, Lemont, treasurer, and Howard Miles, Unionville, secretary, of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, commonly known as the Grange fire insurance company, were audited at Centre Hall by Messrs. Christ Keller, J. T. Potter and Jacob Sharer. The last two named acted for D. A. Grove and William Rishel, who were unable to leave their homes. The finances of the company were found to be in good condition and the business increasing.

Republicans After Office.

Judging from the comments in the Bellefonte Republican, there will be a big crop of Republican aspirants for county office. The Republican mentions these candidates:

J. O. Heverly, Bellefonte, treasurer.
Harry A. Rossman, Bellefonte, register.
Lloyd A. Stover, Spring township, recorder.
Orrin Kline, Bellefonte, treasurer.
E. J. Gehret, Bellefonte, treasurer.
Thomas Pletcher, Howard, register.
Thomas Morgan, Bellefonte, register.
Roy Wilkinson, present prothonotary, will be a candidate for re-election.
Recorder William Brown, Bellefonte, for sheriff.
Jacob Knisely, Bellefonte, sheriff.
Walter Armstrong, Bellefonte, recorder.

By way of comment it might be said that if every section in the county is as prolific in presenting candidates between now and September 18th, the date of the primary, there will be lively times in the Republican camp.

Senator McConnell Will be Tried.

Legal barriers in the form of demurrers raised by William C. McConnell, former State prohibition director, and forty-six others against an indictment charging them with conspiracy to allow the withdrawal of whiskey on fraudulent permits, were swept aside by Judge Thompson, in the United States district court.

Overruling of demurrers means that that the former State Senator and the others indicted with him will soon face a jury and the inside story of the gigantic conspiracy to flood the State with booze will be made public through court testimony. The case will likely come up some time in March.

McConnell is a resident of Shamokin and formerly represented Northumberland county in the State Senate. One of the elaborate bungalows along the State highway through the Penns Valley Narrows is owned by the senator.

President Sits on Veterans.

The Bursum bill, which passed the house and senate just before Christmas, was vetoed by President Harding a few days ago.

As the Bursum bill originally stood, it provided for an increase in pensions of all civil war veterans from \$50 to \$72 a month, and increased the pension of widows of veterans from \$30 a month to \$50 a month, provided that only widows more than 62 years old could obtain the increase, younger widows being compelled to accept the present pension of \$30 a month. These provisions were, it is understood, acceptable to the Administration and the President would have signed the bill, even though it increased the cost of civil war pensions by \$50,000,000 a year. But the House removed the restriction and made all widows, regardless of age, eligible to the increase, thereby increasing the cost of this particular bill to \$108,000,000 a year. The Senate accepted the House amendment in conference.

There are only 204,000 veterans of the civil war, on the pension rolls at this time, but there are 275,000 widows

TEACHERS' DISTRICT INSTITUTE AT SPRING MILLS.

Friday Afternoon and Evening, the Time—Dr. Woodruff to Deliver a Strong Lecture.

The teachers of this district will hold an institute at Spring Mills, Friday afternoon and evening. The evening session will be given over, almost exclusively to Dr. Woodruff, of Susquehanna University, who will lecture on the subject, "The true glory in America."

P. O. S. of A. Install Officers.

At Centre Hall, on January 5th, the following were installed in Washington Camp No. 889, P. O. S. of A.:

President—Fred Raymond.
Past Pres.—Andrew Jordan.
Vice Pres.—J. Elmer Noll.
Master of Forms—J. A. Lutz.
Rec. Sec'y—T. L. Smith.
Ass's Rec. Sec'y—N. L. Bartsge.
Financial Sec'y—E. S. Ripka.
Treasurer—D. W. Bradford.
Conductor—Sterl Stoner.
Inspector—Paul Langle.
Guard—Hoover Noll.
Chaplain—Alvin Floray.
R. Sentinel—W. H. Langle.
L. Sentinel—Greely Jordan.
Trustees—N. L. Bartsge, W. H. Bland, A. C. Ripka.

Refreshments were served by five members. The local camp is very prosperous.

New officers were installed in the Woodward Camp on the evening of January 6th by C. D. Motz, Past District President, as follows:

Past President—C. P. Sheesley.
President—H. F. Long.
Vice Pres.—C. J. Stover.
Master of Forms—J. W. Sheesley.
Rec. Sec'y—C. D. Motz.
Ass't Rec. Sec'y—W. J. Smith.
Financial Sec'y—E. H. Musser.
Treasurer—E. F. Orndorf.
Conductor—Frank Corman.
Inspector—W. R. Smith.
Guard—I. M. Smith.
R. Sentinel—C. E. Hackenburg.
L. Sentinel—O. T. Eisenhuth.
Chaplain—J. W. Gieswite.

Trustees—C. J. Stover, J. W. Gieswite, J. H. Brindle.

Woodward camp is one of the real prosperous camps in the county.

Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The following is reprinted from the Arkansas Evening Herald, published at Hope, Arkansas:

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rishel, a splendid couple, quietly celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary December 24th at their home four miles south of this city. A sumptuous dinner was served to a small party of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Rishel are numbered among Hempstead county's best citizens. They came to this county nine years ago from Kansas. They are originally from Pennsylvania and are descendants of the old Dutch settlers of that state. It has been learned by them that they are great-grandparents, a daughter having been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Morris of Lydia, Kan., on the date of their wedding anniversary.

Remembers Missions and Home.

Augustus Kline, of Williamsport, deceased, in his will just filed in Lycoming county, handsomely remembered various Reformed institutions. The Reformed church was given \$500 as a memorial to his wife; to the Bethany Orphans' Home, \$250; to the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home at Allentown, \$500. The remainder of his estate not specifically mentioned in bequests is to be divided equally between the boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

Killed Big Hog.

The largest hog killed in Clinton county this season was butchered on Friday by J. E. Womelsdorf, a farmer living near Loganton. It was of the Chesterwhite breed and weighed 633 pounds, dressed.

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"WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO-DAY IF YOU KNEW YOU WOULD BE DEAD TO-MORROW?"

THE SUBJECT FOR SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30

At the THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

By the Pastor, REV. M. C. DRUMM

All are welcome.

Reynard Too Slow.

Either Reynard is too slow, or the Shrockengast hunters—H. E. Earl and Paul—are too swift, at least four foxes met their doom—two on Thursday and two on Friday—at their hands. One of the foxes was gray and the remainder red. The hunters were accompanied by the hounds advertised as lost in the last issue of the Reporter, the advertisement having made their discovery Thursday morning. One of the dogs had wandered to the home of Wallace White, near Linden Hall, and the other to Giltown, at the home of William Baird.

Handsome Present.

The M. S. Fiedler homestead on Penn street, Millheim, states the Journal, was sold at public sale by the executors to James W. Runkle, of Centre Hall, for \$4,100. Several days later Mr. Runkle came to Millheim and planked down the cash for the property and gave instructions that the deed should be made out to his daughter, Mrs. Allison, wife of Dr. J. R. G. Allison, stating that it was his Christmas gift to his daughter.

Brilliant Wedding.

Miss Bernice Virginia Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Decker, of Montgomery, became the bride of the Rev. William Morgan Taylor, pastor of the Beaver Memorial Methodist church of Lewisburg, at a brilliant wedding, which took place at Nhrvana, the spacious Decker residence the last Saturday evening in 1922. More than 200 guests viewed the ceremony and remained for the elaborate lunch served at the reception which followed.

Among the guests from Centre county were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leitze, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Aikens, Miss Bernice Swartz, State College; Mrs. Wilson P. Ard, Bellefonte.

Hoy—Poorman.

Robert Hoy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sine H. Hoy, and Miss Maude Poorman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Poorman, of Bellefonte, were married at the United Evangelical parsonage on Christmas morning by the pastor, Rev. Reed O. Steely. The bride, who is well known about Centre Hall, has for some time been the efficient clerk in the City bakery in Bellefonte; while the bridegroom is a student at State College, but during his vacation worked for the Keystone Power company. Their many friends have been busy extending congratulations.

New Forester at Milroy.

Thomas C. Harbeson has been appointed District Forester of the Penn State Forest, with headquarters at Milroy. He succeeds W. J. Bartschat, who has been transferred to Greenwood Furnace, where he will supervise the Department's forest tree nursery.

District Forester Harbeson, who is a graduate of the Mont Alto State Forest Academy, has recently been an assistant in the Office of Research, with headquarters at Harrisburg.

No Drop in Farm Land Values.

While the farmers in Pennsylvania did not fare well in the matter of prices received from farm products in 1922, yet the value of farm lands and buildings showed but little decline.

Reports received from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture indicate that on January 1, 1923, the average price of farm lands, including buildings, in this state amounted to \$73.00 per acre as compared with 73.50 one year ago.

To Enjoy Summer Cruise.

The following have signified their intention of participating in the Mediterranean cruise for which Mrs. Calloway is soliciting members: Miss Rebecca Rhoads, of Bellefonte; Mrs. and Mrs. I. L. Foster, of State College; Miss Adaline Miller, of Lewisburg, and Mr. Patterson, of College Park, Md., the latter are niece and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Foster; and Dr. J. A. Clark, of Lewisburg. The party is scheduled to leave the states on February 3rd, 1923.

Appointments by Governor.

Governor William C. Sproul has announced these appointments to fill vacancies: O. W. H. Glover, Laurelton, and J. M. Murdock, Polk, as members of the board of managers of the State Village for Feeble Minded Women at Laurelton; Frank H. Marvin, Mansfield, trustee of the State Hospital at Blossburg.

Railway Mail Clerk Killed.

Edward E. Schultz, of Sunbury, a railway mail clerk, who frequently was on duty on the local branch as mail clerk, while trimming a tree in front of his home, fell to the ground and sustained injuries that resulted in his death a few hours later.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. Harry Kuhn, of Williamsport, for a few days last week, was a guest at the J. S. Rowe home in Centre Hall.

Robert C. Meyer, of Altoona, came to town Thursday afternoon of last week, remaining for a short time with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Odenkirk.

The mail in Bellefonte is being carried by D. W. Geiss from both the Pennsylvania and Bellefonte Central railroad stations. He began the work a week ago.

The accounts of the various officers of Centre county are being audited by Auditors Thomas A. Fletcher, Clement Gramley and Herbert Stover. They began their work on Monday.

The auditors' statement of the financial condition of Potter township at the close of the last fiscal year appears in this issue and should be carefully perused by every citizen of the township.

Mrs. John L. Tressler, of Centre Hall, the middle of last week, went to Linden Hall to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. William McClintic. The McClintic children just recovered from the measles.

The engine and three cars of the west-bound freight, Friday afternoon, became derailed at the second bridge west of Paddy Mountain tunnel. The mishap delayed the passenger trains east and west for over an hour.

Miss Caroline McClaskey, of Pottery Mills, favored the Reporter with a call last Thursday. She lives with her sister, Mrs. John F. Miller, who although past seventy years of age has keen faculties and reads without the aid of glasses.

Alfred Miller and Mrs. W. T. Steeley, of Sunbury, brother and sister of M. N. Miller, of Pottery Mills, visited the Miller family for a few days last week. Mr. Miller is employed by his brother-in-law, Mr. Steeley, in the auto supply business.

W. E. Shultz, tenant on the L. J. Zubler farm near Farmers Mills, was a caller one day last week to arrange for the printing of sale bills. He will hold sale February 28th, following which he will remove to Penn Hall to continue farming.

On Saturday Mrs. A. P. Krape visited Mrs. Kate Saunders, who has been seriously ill for some weeks at the home of Mr. Ray in Bellefonte. Mrs. Saunders has been suffering from pneumonia, and at the present time it is thought her chances for recovery are light.

J. W. Dashem, of near Tusseyville, who will become a citizen of Centre Hall next spring, was among the Reporter's callers during the past week. When he and Mrs. Dashem come to town they will occupy their own home—the Mrs. Sarah Kerlin place, now tenanted by W. C. Booser.

Charles F. Cook, for half a century connected with the banking business in Bellefonte, tendered his resignation as teller in the Bellefonte Trust Company. Mr. Cook has attained his seventy-second year and although not at all incapacitated, he thinks he is entitled to the retirement he is seeking.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Farmers National Bank of Millheim the surplus fund was increased to \$50,000, which completes the thirtieth year of the bank's business and shows a ratio of capital and surplus unequalled by any bank in Centre county. The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held today (Thursday).

T. F. Royer, of Sprucecreek, is proud in the ownership of a litter of ten pigs which at the age of 14 weeks weigh 120 pounds apiece. They are full blood Chesterwhite. "I am near 70 years of age," he says, "but never have I seen such a fine bunch of pigs, and others are saying the same. I challenge anyone in Potter township to show a finer lot," says Mr. Royer.

A pitch fork in the hands of Allen Brungart, of Rebersburg, did not prove adequate defense against an infuriated bull belonging to him. The animal charged his owner and though severely prodded with the fork, the bull forced Mr. Brungart against a wall and inflicted injuries that put him to bed for a few days. It was only due to timely aid that his life was spared.

The safe used by the Bellefonte Trust company prior to remodeling its quarters, was brought to Centre Hall and installed in the modern vault of the First National bank. The safe was conveyed here on a truck by Milton Johnson, the Bellefonte marble dealer, who is accustomed to handling great blocks of granite and consequently was delivered and unloaded with the utmost caution.