SAVANTS PRAISE **BIBLE LITERATURE**

Drs. Steele and Jastrom Talk on Scriptures Before Society

LIVES THROUGH ALL AGES

Discussion of the Bible as litera-ture was the program of the Browning Society last night with addresses by the Rev. David Steele, who spoke of the Bible from the standpoint of the church, and Professor Morris Justrow who spoke from the standpoint of the student and scholar.

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A layman's interpretation of the Bible, written by A. Howard Newton, was read in his absence by Harvey Watts, who presided.

"The power the Bible holds to inspire men is the best proof that it is itself inspired of God," said Doctor Steele. "Men who are speechless if the infidel taunt them with "The Mistakes of Moses' do not reflect that an inspired book need not of necessity be a faultless book, and that truth and accuracy are not synonymous. Those who combat the astronomer with 'proof texts' are oblivious to the fact that the purpose of the Bible is not to teach men how the heavens go, but how to go to heaven.

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"There are those who ask for the authorization by acts of convention," of a certain version, forgetting that by actual count our present version is the seventh version; who revere the 'match-less English' of that version, forgetting that there is no such thing as an English Bible any more than there is an English Iliad, or a French Hamlet—that the Bible is essentially Hebrew or Greek.

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"The Bible is not so much a volume as a school, containing in epitome all kinds of classic structure—law and history, drama and tragedy, idyls and epics, proverbs and poems, acrossics and sormons, wise saws and ancient sages, legend and tradition, narrative romance and rhapsody. Truly, the Bible is a 'Grand Old Book,' old because it has been grand enough to persist through all these ages.

"There are three ways of regarding the Bible's claim to inspiration, the mechanical theory, the naturalistic theory and the theory that the Bible speaks a growing revelation. The first two, I believe, are equally false; the third is true enough to enable the book to withstand the attack."

Doctor Steele declared that the first theory, which maintains that sacred writers were penmen of the Almighty, is disproved by the errors of detail and moral incongruities of the Scriptures.

"Conceptions of God follow one another which are grotesque and unverthy," said Doctor Steele. "By what they plead as His commands, men do most questionable things. Elisha at Dothan smites people with blindness; Joshua exterminates the inhabitants of Canaanitish cities; a small boy is stoned to death for gathering sticks on the Sabbath. There are laws in the Mosaic Code that would disgrace any modern statute book."

Doctor Steele dismissed the second theory, which hold the Bible is inspired only as all works of genius are, by declaring it superior to all the rest of the world's literature. He said it is the universal applicability of the Bible's teaching that has made its influences so enormous, and explained the growing revelation of the Bible, in which all exercises lies of Scriptures and the control of the Bible, in which all exercises lies of Scriptures and the control of the Bible, in which all exercises lies of Scriptures leads to the control of the Bible, in which all exercises lies of Scriptures leads to the control of the Bible, in which all exercises lies of Scriptures leads to the control of the Bible, in which all exerc

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Poetry Jastrow's Subject

"The poetry of the Ancient East, with special references to the poetry of the Bible." was the subject of a delightful talk by Professor Jastrow, who illustrated his comments with

readings.
"The West gave science to the world, but it has never produced a great religion," said Doctor Justrow, contrasting the eastern and western tempera-ments. 'This is because the East has the power of penetrating deeply into the real, inner meanings of life. The whole idea of the authorship of the Bible is a western notion. There were authors, and no types, except those

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Doctor Jastrow read selections from "The Song of Songs," which he said were love songs, probably sung at weddings in Palestine. He said the Book of Job was not a philosophical book, but the expression of a group of men inspired by strong sympathy with suffering in this world. The story of Job, he said, is only a peg upon which these men hung their thoughts, in an endeavor to penetrate into this mystery of mysteries.

SCOUTS IN SWIMMING MEET

Will Compete for Prizes at Germantown Y. M. C. A.

The Boy Scouts of the Eighth dis-trict will hold a swimming meet tonight at the Germantown Young Men's Chris-tlan Association, 5849 Germantown

Ten regular events will be held. Special events include a life-saving race, in which a Scout must tow another supposedly drowning person the length of the pool. A fancy diving contest will also be held.

Prizes will be given to the winners of the events, as well as to the two troops with the highest team score.

BUSINESS MEN TO DEBATE

Credit Association Will Lock Horns

With Bankers Tonight A debate between the Philadelphia Association of Credit Men and the Philadelphia Chapter American Institute of Banking will be held tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the assembly room of the latter institution's headquarters in the Washington Building, 608 Chestnut street.

The question will be, "Resolved, that good business practice requires that all merchandise credit should be extended on a trade-acceptance basis."
The affirmative will be upheld by the credit men and the negative side will be taken by the bankers.

NO GIFTS FOR U. S. HOSPITAL

Commander of Carlisle Institution Says They Cannot Be Accepted

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The United States Army General
Hospital No. 31 at Carlisle, Pa., cannot accept any contributions from the
public to provide a Christmas celebration for 700 patients at the post. This
announcement was made yesterday by
Colonel Frank R. Keefer.

The announcement followed a flood
of letters in answer to an appeal in
the Philadelphia papers Tuesday by a
women who was in touch with war
workers in Carlisle. The appeal, the
colonel said, was unnecessary and unauthorized.

Woman Hit by Automobile Alighting from a car at Fifty-second street and Lancaster avenue, Mrs. Lena Alice Campbell, address unknown, was struck by an automobile. She was taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hompital. The driver of the automobile ascaped. Gimbel Brothers

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Store of a

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Gifts

Store Hours-9 to 6

Piano and Talking Machine Sections, Seventh floor, open evenings till 9-a great sale of Player-Pianos in progress. \$575—and on very easy

If at any time the Store has urged earlier Christmas shopping it has been to make the assurance of deliveries at remote points doubly sure. The Store will be bountifully ready to serve you until the last minute—safely and dependably.

Stocks have been kept at top-notch—there

For Tomorrow-Saturday

are millions of dollars' worth of good things to choose from.

The Toy Store has promised to meet your demands-and it will. Motor trucks are bringing in supplies where railroads lag. Plenty of sleds; plenty of aeroplanes; plenty of electric trains; plenty of games; plenty of construction sets; plenty of dolls-Paris and Japan helped out with dolls and England with airships-including the bombing plane-but we have urged and aided the Development of American Toys.

Gimbels The One GREAT **Toy Store**

Friday, December 19, 1919

Men's Gloves

Gift styles and quality!

Men's Mocha Gloves. Beautiful "Mocha gray." One clasp, at \$4 and \$5.

Men's Tan Cape Gloves. One clasp, outseam sewn, at \$3 and \$3.50.

—Gimbels. First floor.

Five Hundred Women's Coats—

in the Fashionable Browns, Bisons, Navy Blues, Reindeers and Black

Specially Priced: \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50 and \$67.50

Variously of wool velours, broadcloths, silvertones, polo coatings and bolivias. About two hundred and fifty of them boast huge collars of skunk-dyed opossum, sealdyed coney or natural raccoon.

> Girls', Misses' and Women's Raincapes and Raincoats—Favorite Christmas Gifts

And big, big variety to choose from.

Girls' Raincapes at \$3.95 and \$5.90. Sizes 6 to 14.

Furs—"Grouped" for the

Quicker Service

Table No. 1-Muffs at \$12.75 to \$29.75

Table No. 2—Scarfs at \$42.50 to \$59.75 Including Wolf open-animal scarfs in taupe, black and brown. And fox scarfs in taupe, black and brown.

Table No. 3—Scarfs at \$29.75 to \$47.50

Table No. 4—Sets at \$39.75 to \$79

Cotton Waists-

a Hundred Styles

With unique little vestees—and collars that turn into vests—and Buster Brown styles—and high necks—and collarless models.

Thirty-Five Styles

Lingerie styles and demi-tailored. And some fascinating lace-trimming treatments.

-Gimbels, Salons of Dress, Third floor.

including-Taupe fox, black-dyed fox, brown fox, red fox, taupe

Including-Black-dyed lynx, black-dyed fox, brown fox, taupe fox,

Neck-pieces to "start a set"-or a muff to match up the neck-

Girls' Raincoats at \$8.90 to \$16.75-most of them are really sets, including mighty cute mushroom hat.

-Gimbels, Fur Salens, Third floor,

Women's and Misses' Raincoats and Raincapes at \$15 to \$39.75.

And-from our London office-English-made Raincoats at \$18.75 to \$65.

MEN'S SOCKS In Gift Boxes

Brother, or father; Cousin Dick or Uncle Jack—just the socks they like are in this group of— Full-Fashioned Silk Socks, pair at-

They come in black, navy, cordo-van, green and white. It's a pretty safe guess that a man thinks just a "lee-tle" more of a gift more costly than he would buy for himself!

Men's silk-plated Socks, seam-less, in black, cordovan, navy and gray, at......}65c Men's seamless cotton Socks, black, cordovan, navy and gray; 3 pairs for \$1, or pair 35c

Men's black cashmere Socks. medium }65c and \$1

Young Girls' Coats at \$15, \$19.75 and \$25

Special price groups. Coats for dress or practical wear. In 6- to

Handsome Fur-Trimmed Coats for Girls Now at \$49.75

Reduced-and as the young girls can have their new coats for Christmas. Softest velours and lustrous broadcloths are used in their making. Youthful newest models. And enriched in seal nutria or raccoon furs. For ages 12, 14 and 16 years.

Girls' lovely White Dresses at \$5 to \$15-Specially pretty ones at \$5 and \$5.95 will be suitable for holiday wear. Dainty models. For ages 6 to 14 years. -Gimbels, Salons of Dress, Third floor.

Jewelry That Men Like

Gold-filled Cigarette Cases, straight-lined styles, at \$11.50 and \$20. Cigarette Holders, sterling tipped, at \$2.50, \$6.75 and \$9.25. Men's pearl Vest Sets, including links, studs and vest buttons, at

Gold-filled Waldemar Chains, in rope, plain and fancy link styles,

Sterling silver Belt Buckles, engine turned, engraved, plain polished and gold-inlaid styles, at \$2, \$2.50, \$3.50 to \$17.25.

Men's silver-plated Belt Buckles at 50c and 75c.

-Gimbels, First floor.

Men's **Overcoats** Men's **Ulsters**

Men's Suits

day's prices on equal clothes, and incomparably better "buys" at any price than the average clothing of today.

There are thirty - four cost items in producing a suit-and the concern that feels no obligation lets most of those items be shorn of goodness, while leaving the "cost" of them for you to



The Overcoats-

\$37.50

Double-breasted. Box Coats, Town Ulsters, Single-breasted, Smart Plaid Backs, Great Coats. Form-fitting Coats, Dress Overcoats and hundreds of favored

The Suits

Single-breasted. Double-breasted. Of all the season's favored models, Durable, dressy, all-wool fabrics.

All-Leather Reversible Coats, at \$26.50, \$33.50, \$37.50 and \$59. Save a third. Men's Worsted Trousers, at \$6.50 and up.

Men's Mackinaws (rough-and-ready sports coats), all-wool, at \$\\$15\$

"Kuppenheimer" and "Society Brand" Suits at \$35 to \$75; and Overcoats at \$35 to \$100; in Philadelphia exclusively at Gimbels.

No Woman Seeking to Please a Man

Need Hesitate a Minute In Selecting His Gift From These

Men's Ties at 65c, 85c and \$1.15

"FAIR PRICE" SALE OF

Not only a wonderfully large and fine selection of up-to-date styles, but better than good value—and the more of these ties he owns the more he will save later when he buys

A Boudoir Cap in a Christmas Boxpink—or blue—or orchid—or maize—or creamy-tinted—or rose—or all-lace—or half-lace—or net and ribbons— Six Hundred at \$2 and \$2.95.

Thousands of dollars' worth of highest quality cut glass, variously priced. We suggest these for gifts:
Water Sets, \$11.95 to \$30.00 | each.

red fox and natural raccoon

Save a Third on Cut Crystal The Better Kind

Sugar and Cream, \$2.95 to \$10.00 each.

Orange Bowls, \$5.95 to \$22.50 each.

Color Technology (Color Technology) Celery Trays, \$3.95 to \$6.50. all under-priced.

The "Plain Hemstitched" Linen Handkerchiefs—

-of which every woman likes to have plenty. Dainty styles at 25c each. And fine linen with wide "inch hems" at 50c each. Women's "Wreathed" Initial

Handkerchiefs at 58c. Hemstitched. Yes, every thread linen. Women's Lovely Point Venise

Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs. Fine,

pure linen, at \$1.50 each. -Gimbels, First floor

Gifty Umbrellas at \$4 For Women Covers of American taffeta (cotton).

Attractive bakulite-trimmed handles, with wrist cords for womer

and wood handle, plain or carved, for men. Very big values at \$4. -Gimbels, First floor. Christmas Candy Offer

\$3 Combination 2-lb. box Assorted Chocolates .. \$1.60 1-lb. box Assorted Glace Fruits, 1.50 1-lb, box Assorted Hard Candles ,80

1-lb, box Hand-Made Candy Toys .70

The most delicious, beautiful confections are ready for Christmas. May we lessen the last-day's rush?—it pays you-\$5 Combination

At \$5-Value \$4.60 At \$5-Value \$6.90 -Gimbels, Annex, Main Store and Subway Store.

Overcoats

Boys' Overcoats Ages 11 to 18 Double-Breasted Styles

At \$15, \$18.50, \$20—up to \$50 Slip One in His "Stocking" for Christmas! All-around belt; many have yoke back and inverted pleats. \$15

Junior Overcoats for boys 3 to 10 years, including chinchilla and soft duffle fabrics; at \$13.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$20—up to \$35.

Boys' Mackinaws at \$10 and \$12.50 All-wool plaids; for skating and sports.

Corduroy Suits for boys 8 to 17; almost no wear-out to them! Norfolk models, at \$9.50. With extra pair of trousers, at \$12.50.

Gimbels, Third floor.

Girls' Popular Serge Regulation Dresses at \$5

Are always welcome gifts.
Sailor collars, braid-trimmed and finished with sailor tie. Kilted skirt. In navy, brown and French blue. For ages 6 to 14 years. Raincoats for Women and Misses-

Girls' Raincapes That Make Practical Presents They're always appreciated-and so useful stormy days.

A wonderful selection of Raincoats and Capes in all the wanted shades.

Raincoats for women and misses in tan and blue and chrome in changeable effects. Sizes 36

At \$6.95, \$10.95 and \$12.95. Children's at \$5.95 to \$12.50

at the low terms of \$4 monthly.

Girls' Raincaps, Raincoats and Girls' Rain Capes with hood, for ages 6 to 16 years, at \$3 to \$5.95. Gimbels, Subway Store.

Make a first payment of \$5, balance can be paid

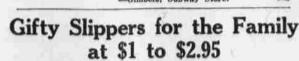


IN THE SUBWAY STORE

Boys' Extra-Trousers Suits at \$9.50 to \$15

Norfolk style; wanted models. Boys' Single-trouser Suits, at \$7.90 to \$12.50— Sturdy kinds from dependable makers. Attract-Boys' Mackinaws, for sports wear, at \$7.50 to \$12.50.

Boys' Overcoats-Dressy, warm, at \$8.75 to \$17.50.



Women's Felt Slippers at \$1.95 n; padded soles. Women's Felt Juliets, \$1.50

Gray, black, red and brown felt, plush-trimmed; leather soles and 1000 pairs, various styles. Sizes 6 to 2 Men's Felt Slippers at \$1.45

Novelty slippers in five colors and combinations; trimmed with ompon and ribbon; padded soles.

Children's Felt Slippers, 85c Men's Leather Slippers, \$2.95 "Fair-Priced" SUITS

models with high waist-lines. Plenty of conservative models as well as youthful styles in this varied assortment. An excellent choice in all sizes.

1500 Men's Overcoats and Ulsters

1000 Men's Suits, at-

that these Suits and Overcoats are exceptional values.

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