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How Do We Know That Bible Manuscripts Are Really Genuine?

By ERASMUS WILSON.

In spite of veneration for the Bible, and a belief that it is the word of God, that is almost inborn in every Christian child, there is still a desire in the heart of nearly every one to know the origin of the manuscripts from which the Book was compiled. Of course, it was not written, much less printed, from the beginning, nor was it handed down to man in written or printed form. The Ten Commandments were said to have been written on tables, or tables of stone. The manuscripts, after the invention of writing, were made up from the memories of those who had memorized them, and whose duty it was to repeat them to the people.

Mr. W. C. Lyne, of the Third Presbyterian Church, gave a talk before the Pittsburg adult Bible class in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon last on this subject that was intensely interesting and highly instructive.

The Sources of the Bible. After showing that the sources from which the accepted Bible was made up were ancient manuscripts, Mr. Lyne said that none of the original records from which these manuscripts were compiled are known to be in existence, but there can be no doubt as to the genuineness of the copies.

A feature of much interest was the exhibit by the speaker of a rare old manuscript written by monks on vellum 500 years ago—before printing was invented. This rare curio was illuminated with beautiful initial lettering in gold, and exquisite miniature paintings executed years before Raphael's famous frescoes and paintings upon canvas. The work of these old artists upon the vellum retain a freshness in coloring and delicacy in technique that was most suggestive of how durable work on manuscript was.

The speaker also circulated among the audience facsimile prints of the three oldest Bible manuscripts in the world, and by means of these gave an interesting idea of the character of the original writings and the care taken in transcribing. He also gave an intelligent reason why some portions of our present Bible were omitted as doubtful authority in the new revised version.

The romantic discovery by Tischendorf in a basket of rubbish in an old convent at the foot of Mount Sinai of the most valuable manuscript in existence just as the monks were about to commit it to the flames, was made more interesting by prints of the Convent of St. Catherine, and facsimiles of the Sinaitic manuscript now held by the Czar of Russia.

Inerency of Manuscript. While he did not claim absolute inerency for accepted manuscripts, Mr. Lyne showed that no important doctrine or fact had been disturbed by comparing existing records with manuscripts buried from sight and the knowledge of scholars for 1500 years. Jewish manuscripts had always been placed in the most guarded places, the copies of the old Jewish law being placed in the ark of the covenant and temple and in times of danger rescued from destruction as by Josephus in the days of Titus, when the temple was burning.

The copying and transmitting of manuscripts has been guarded with such scrupulous care that convincing proof of their integrity and genuineness was furnished by knowledge of facts. Scribes were bound by solemn oath to make no change of word or letter, and were required to record the number of words, the middle verse and letter of manuscript, and even the number of times a certain letter began words. Then, too, the rival academic schools of both Caesarea and Babylon watched with jealous care the work of the other.

Later on both Jew and Gentile were vigilant in watching the fidelity of the other in copying records, and by a singular coincidence the three most valuable manuscripts of the Bible were in the separate possession of the three great branches of the Christian church. The Alexandrian manuscript was in the keeping of the Anglican church in the British Museum; the Vatican manuscript was held by the church of Rome in the Vatican, and the Sinaitic manuscript was held by the Greek church at St. Petersburg. Such remarkable safeguards were not accidental, but wise design for perpetuating the purity and genuineness of Biblical records.

Different Versions. In discussing the versions of the Bible he passed rapidly from the Septuagint to the Vulgate, and then after speaking of the unique work of Wickliffe and Tyndal amidst great opposition, culminating in disintering the bones of the former and casting his ashes upon the river Swift, and the latter after being exiled from England to Germany, and printing his great translation, being imprisoned and finally strangled to death.

Growing out of the manuscripts of Wickliffe and the printed Bibles of Tyndal, influenced too by Luther's labor in Biblical work, there came the scholarly work known as the Geneva Bible, or "Breeches Bible." A copy of this version was exhibited by the speaker with the remark that it was not only a volume older than the plays of Shakespeare, but was printed about fifty years before the first book was printed in America, and years before the Mayflower

called to America or the English settled at Jamestown.

The historical interest of this book was increased by the fact that it was the most popular household Bible in English use before our present Bible was published and that it was the first Bible marking off verses for easy reference, and was of special interest because of the quaint wording claiming that Eve wore breeches in the Garden of Eden, the forerunner of the popular woman's rights movement.

But aside from its quaint peculiarities it probably was largely influential in getting King James to authorize the issue of our present Bible, and in explanation of this statement it was shown that in this old Presbyterian Bible there were printed marginal notes which sanctioned legal disobedience of the king, a most offensive doctrine to King James, who believed in the Stuart doctrine of the divine rights of kings, and that James was also very touchy upon another marginal note which indirectly approved of the execution of his mother, Mary Queen of Scots.

The King James Version. In order to get a version free from political and sectarian marginal notes King James directed that fifty-four of the foremost scholars in the realm should make a careful translation of the accepted manuscripts regardless of political or theological bias.

This wise provision has been one cause of making the Bible of to-day universally popular among Protestant believers, until now its annual printed issue is 10,000,000 copies. The prayer of Tyndal that the eyes of the king might be opened was answered three years after his death by the Bible being placed in every parish church of England a few years after the fires of Smithfield had opened up the way of martyrdom to England's foremost Bible students.

The earnest scholarly labors of foremost Bible students in Europe and America have given the revised version to Protestantism, and this great contribution to intelligent appreciation of the latest and most authentic Bible records while meeting with opposition, naturally would ultimately work out as other great versions had done over similar opposition, a fixed and honored position in the minds and hearts of those in quest of truth in its genuineness and original strength.—From the Pittsburg Gazette Times.

Too Many Books to Read. We feel the deepest sympathy for those moderns who complain that so many books are now published and so noisily advertised that they are bewildered as to choice, and turn back to the old favorites. That, surely is a thousand times better than adopting the alternative which now seems so popular—of not reading at all. What with automobiling, golf, the theater, bridge and the 15-cent magazines, thousands of our most substantial citizens are accused—by discontended booksellers—of never opening a book from one year's end to another.—New York Evening Post.

JAPANESE LABOR POORLY PAID.

Low Wages and Workman Not a Success as Machine Operators. Writing from Vladivostok of a visit to Japan, Special Agent Roland R. Dennis says of the efficiency of labor of that country:

"A visit to Japan tends to disprove the theory that cheap labor insures cheap production of output. The Japanese in many directions, especially in cabinetmaking, is an expert and finished workman. Although he uses an infinitesimal plane and planes toward himself, and his handsaw looks like an overgrown butcher knife with saw teeth cut in its edge, he produces fine work. But give him a machine nearly automatic to tend and he is not a success. Wire nails are used exclusively in Japan, and hence there is an immense demand for them.

"Among the very many stock companies formed during the Japanese-Russian War, when money was plentiful, was a wire nail mill. The very latest up-to-date automatic machinery was brought out from the United States, and everything that money and skill could command was secured to make the mill a great success. As a final step a superintendent was brought from a large mill in Cleveland and put in charge. In spite of all this expenditure of talent, money and time, that man is not able to make nails at a price that at all interferes with importing and selling at a satisfactory profit. When asked why he cannot make nails as cheaply as he did in Cleveland the superintendent replies: 'It is simply a question of labor. In Cleveland one man tended and kept running four or five machines; here it takes four or five men to tend one machine, and they don't keep it running as it should at that.'

"A large paper mill is having a similar experience. Labor is cheaply paid, but, being inefficient, it is much more expensive than higher paid efficient labor. I met three Belgians who had been some months in Japan endeavoring to get a window-glass factory on a successful, money-making basis so as to be able to compete with imported window-glass. They had abandoned the enterprise and were returning home, thoroughly convinced that Japanese labor was very cheap, but that it could not be successfully utilized in a branch of manufacturing to which it was not accustomed.

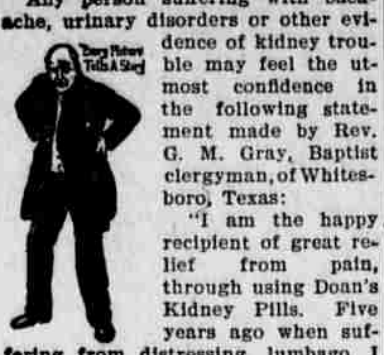
"Coolie labor in Japan commands about twenty-five cents a day, although in Kobe, Yokohama and Nagasaki thirty-seven and one-half and forty cents are being asked and in many cases allowed. All employers of labor were unanimous in declaring that the quality of the services rendered was going down even faster than the rate of wages was going up."—Consular Report.

Women Were Ushers.

At the opening of the new theatres in Philadelphia recently women ushers assisted the male ushers in seating the vast audience, the young women wearing uniforms of black dresses, with white cuffs and collars. This is the first time women have ever served as ushers, and the result will no doubt be watched with interest.

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Effect of Cigarettes. Disclosures made by a British army officer relative to the unfitness for duty of officers and men addicted to the immoderate use of cigarettes simply confirm general knowledge on that subject. Destructive of "nerve," as well as extremely irritating to the nerves, cigarette smoking is a habit that is fully destructive of all those characteristics required of a good soldier. Nor can it be said to be less fatal to the success of that soldier who fights the battle of business or the profession. In the competition of today, in virtually every line in which the gray matter lies within the skull is used, he makes most rapid progress and meets with the greatest ultimate success who abstains from the "harmless" little weed that is rolled up in a wisp of paper.

Zero and Nothing. Dr. Howe, president of Case school, Cleveland, never fails to express his vexation when he has a student call the zero of mathematics nothing. One of the students, Morgenthaler by name, would almost invariably read an equation like this, x plus y equals 0, as follows: "X plus y equals nothing." One day Dr. Howe lost his long-enduring patience. "See here, Morgenthaler, let me show you the difference between zero and nothing." With this, Dr. Howe wrote a big 0 on the blackboard. "This," he said, "is zero." Then erasing the 0, he added: "And this is nothing."

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Endowed Horse Racing.

It is an interesting indication of a tendency of the times that certain wealthy persons in the east, impressed with the difficulty of carrying on horse racing without the usufruct of the gambling feature, now propose to endow horse racing, so that prizes may be offered sufficient to stimulate a good attendance of the runners without entire dependence on the uncertain gate receipts.

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Didn't Deserve It.

Among the western representatives in congress is one whose lack of personal comeliness is the basis of personal banter from his facetiously inclined colleagues. "Why, Willie," said one of them to the 19-year-old son of the congressman, "how much you resemble your father?" "Yes, sir," responded Willie, with an air of resignation. "Everybody says that, but I don't think I deserve it."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Advantage of Large Brains.

John Bright used to tell how a barber who was cutting his hair once said to him: "You've a large head, sir; it's a good thing to 'ave a large head; for a large head means a large brain, and a large brain is the most useful thing man 'ave, as it nourishes the roots of the 'air."—Sacred Heart Review.

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