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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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Here the Canadian Pacific crosses the Great Divide in the Rockies. Here the waters are easily turned toward the Pacific or toward the far Atlantic.

THE TURNING POINT IN EVERY LIFE IS CHRIST

call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deut. 30:19).

Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15).

## "When Thou Comest Bring The Books"

Even an apostle must read!

He is inspired, and yet he wants books!

He has had a wider experience than most men, and yet he wants books!

He had been caught up to the third heaven, and heard things which it is unlawful for man to utter, and yet he wants books!

He had written the major portion of the New Testament, and yet he wants books!

The man who never reads will never be read. He who never quotes will never be quoted. He who will not use the thoughts of other men's brains proves that he has no brains of his own.

— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

## Campbellites For Bridged Bible

because of its "clumsy and inconvenient" form, and because of the fact that its material is not logically arranged, the need of a more compact and re-arranged Bible is readily apparent. Says the Christian Century (April, 1942), "The average reader certainly should be abridged. 'The Bible' is now a bulky, unwieldy, and insufficiently familiar, and its reading is a sufficient test to perpetuate an assured and satisfactory reading of the various documents of the Bible." Some approaches in this direction have been made, we are told; "but it needs to be carried out to completion so that the generation may be emancipated from the burden of confusion which the books of Holy Scripture now rest." On the question of leaving out "a considerable amount of material which serves no useful purpose in the collection we are told that —

One ever reads it, except the Bible scholars, and it is a hindrance to popular knowledge of the Bible. The major portions of the Bible, Numbers, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Ecclesiastes, (Continued on page three)

## "A Questionnaire On Sin"

Roy Hamilton, Greenup, Kentucky

1. What is sin?  
"All unrighteousness is sin." (John 5:17).
2. What is sin with respect to the law?  
"Sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4).
3. What is sin with respect to faith?  
"For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23).
4. What is sin with respect to God's glory?  
"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).
5. What is sin with respect to foolishness?  
"The thought of foolishness is sin." (Prov. 24:9).
6. What is sin with respect to plowing?  
"The plowing of the wicked is sin." (Prov. 21:4).
7. What is sin, as defined by James?  
"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him

- it is sin." (James 4:17).
8. What is sin in the main?  
Sin in essence is selfishness.
9. If this is sin, in whom did it originate?  
God? No. Eden? No. Satan. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." (1 John 3:8).
10. If sin originated in Satan, how did it enter the world?  
"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12).
11. What means did Satan employ to induce Eve to sin?  
"Now the serpent was more subtle than any of the beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." (Gen. 3:1,4).
12. What excuse did the serpent offer to get Eve to sin?  
"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your

- eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5).
13. What part did the woman play in bringing sin into the world?  
"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6).
14. What effect did the entrance of sin into the world have upon Adam and Eve?  
"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.  
"And unto Adam, he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I com-

## The Old Question Of Cain's Wife

In the July 21st issue of the Cincinnati Post (Ohio's greatest daily) is a question asked of, and answered by S. Parkers Cadman, whose daily column appears in this and other papers over the country. Cadman is a man of ability, but his subtle attack on the Word of God is well known by all lovers of the Bible. The question directly from a puzzled reader, but indirectly from Ingersoll, Paine, critics of the early centuries and lastly from the devil. It is so old that it is threadbare. But here is the question: "How am I to believe this story of Adam and Eve and their sons, Cain and Abel? When Adam, Eve, and Cain were the only three people on earth, Abel being dead, Cain married. Where did he get his wife?" Here is the answer by Cadman: "So long as you read Genesis literally, there is no rational explanation for the origin or where-about of Cain's bride. The moment you clearly see that these ancient stories are symbolical and not historical, your difficulty disappears. I have repeatedly said this in this column."

In reply let me say that to take this story symbolically is to only add to the confusion. To take it (Continued on page four)

## Unusual Story

is so unusual for a daily paper to tell stories that inspire faith in the supernatural or unusual things, that we read the following story with a good deal of surprise in a recent copy of the News. The story is given in the "Prayers for Birds to Worms Answered," and is as follows:

"A little earnest prayer and a few sacks did in ridding his crop of army worms so that his crop was saved was told (Continued on page four)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 10:27-29.

Perhaps Jesus never spoke greater words than these concerning Himself as the Good Shepherd. The little child as it goes to sleep, lisps a simple prayer, "Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me, Bless thy little lamb tonight." The old gray-haired saint lies down to die, comforted because, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . Yea, though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." (Psalm 23:1, 4). And all in between these two extremes of life, the thought of Jesus as our tender Shepherd appeals to all. No greater figure of speech could be used to describe the relation between Christ and the saved. — He, our Shepherd, and we, the sheep of His pasture.

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First, let us notice the characteristics of a sheep. A sheep is helpless. Nature didn't endow sheep with weapons of defense or of attack. A believing child of God is equally helpless. As Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (Continued on page three)

## The Waldenses

"They did not receive their doctrines from the Reformers, as is commonly believed, because as early as 1517, the same year Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the doors of the church at Whittenberg, the archbishop of Turin made these charges against the Waldenses:

1. They receive the Scriptures as the only rule of faith.
2. They reject doctrines introduced by popes and priests.
3. They deny man needs the in-

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### A FINE LITTLE BOOK

Elder Clarence B. McCubbin of Route 6, Box 139, Charleston, W. Virginia, sent us some while back a little booklet entitled, "Biblical Answers For Current Questions On Salvation." This is a fine little book of thirty-two pages which honors the God of the Bible and the Bible of God as much as any booklet the editor has ever reviewed.

Its table of contents is —  
What Must One Do To Be Saved?

What Constitutes Faith?

What Must One Believe In Order To Constitute a Believer In The Lord Jesus?

As A Believer, Am I Saved, Or Am I Going To Be Saved?

Does God Respond To Erroneous Sincerity?

An Exposition On The Apparent Contradiction On The Book Of James.

There is no price printed and we therefore judge it is for gratuitous distribution. However, we would suggest that you send Brother McCubbin at least the cost of postage when writing him about the booklet.

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May the Lord help many to emulate the example of this good woman. Send the Baptist Examiner to your friends. It will be the best investment that you can make for both time and eternity.

### THE PREACHER AND GENERAL JACKSON

The heroic spirit of the old pioneer preacher whom President Jackson complimented is needed today. The parson was booked to preach where the great American was to stop over night, and Andrew Jackson found himself in a pew in the church. The deacons held a hurried consultation, and calling the preacher from the pulpit informed him of the presence of the president and requested him to be guarded in his remarks. Before beginning his message the preacher said: "I have been requested to be guarded in my remarks. Andrew Jackson will go to hell as quick as any other man if he does not repent."

At the close of the services the president stepped forward and said, "Sir, if I had a regiment of men like you I could whip the world." This is the courage needed. — Crisis in Church and College.

### TWO SMALL BOOKS

Evangelist A. D. Muse of 1270 Carr Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., has recently published two small books of paper binding which are most helpful. They are (1) "Answering Jehovah's Witnesses" and (2) "Angels."

The price of each of these books is twenty-five cents (25c) and they are well worth the investment which any Christian might make.

### ACCUMULATED PAPERS

We have a number of old copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER dating back through the past six months. These are copies which have been left over after mailing of each week. We do not have copies of each issue, but of some issues we have as many as perhaps a hundred copies. We will be glad to send absolutely free to any individual who will request these, a bundle of them for free distribution. It might be the means of getting new subscriptions for us, and at the same time, the papers themselves should be a blessing to anyone who reads them. We would be most happy to hear from some of our readers who would be glad to scatter these for the glory of God.

### THE SUPER DECEIVER ON THE WORLD HORIZON

We have been advertising this book by James C. Hollenbeck, and have had quite a few orders for it. As we have said before, if nothing else, this book will stimulate the desire of every Christian to know more about the Word of God and particularly about prophecies concerning the last days. It is an excellent little book and we earnestly urge our readers to order a copy of it from us today.

Send us six subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and we'll send you this book absolutely free.

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## "The Query Box"

1. Was Adam saved when he died?

I do not know. If you want my opinion, I think he was. The giving up his own filthy rags of self-righteousness or of what Paul calls repentance from dead works, his acceptance of the coats of skin, which God made and provided, free, gratis and for nothing, after the lives of the beasts had been taken to provide their coats, all point to the innocent dying for the guilty. That is exactly what Jesus did for us, to provide for us robes of righteousness to cover our nakedness. Isa. 61:10. Matt. 22:11:13.

2. Were all the people, who passed through the Red Sea saved?

They were saved from Egyptian bondage and the death of the first born.

3. If the "Mixed multitude" were Egyptians, who were in sympathy with the Jews, as most commentaries say, please explain I Cor. 10:5.

The "mixed multitude" were not with Israel until after the passover. They joined them as they left Egypt. They were cast out later on in connection with Israel's experience with Balaam. Ex. 12:38. Neh. 13:3. They were never saved.

4. Is it scriptural to send money direct to object or should everything go through the church treasurer?

If the church has a scriptural budget all the tithe should go through the church treasurer. If the church has no budget or if the budget is lop-sided, for home expenses or if the budget includes education of the standardized and modernized type, then the donor as a matter of conscience, because he has to answer to God as God's steward ought to designate. If the donor is an honest steward and holds all he has subject to God's orders, then he ought to put the balance where God says. God's orders touching the tithe is very clear that it should be brought into God's store-house. God's orders are equally clear that the church at Jerusalem brought the money that they got from the sale of property and put it in the church treasury for their great mission campaign. The Son of God also told His disciples not to let their left hand know what their right hand doeth. That certainly teaches that all gifts above the tithe may be handled by the donor and no-

body know about it except God.

5. Where do those who apostatize get the doctrine?

The first preacher of apostasy was the devil. The oldest book in the Bible is probably Job. In the first and second chapters of Job you will find the devil preaching apostasy. He told God, that if God would only give him a chance, Job, he would curse God to his face. God took the devil off to the worst and failed. That is the record of any body arguing apostasy. The devil first preached that God is a liar, a perjurer and God proved him a liar. Before any man can prove the possibility of apostasy, he must prove that God is a liar, a perjurer, a covenant breaker. Some jobs. Please give scriptural reasons for not observing "Mother's Day to keep it holy." Change the day of worship from Saturday the Sabbath, to Sunday, the Lord's day should make it more holy, instead of less holy. Using the day to honor mother is a desecration of the Lord's day.

(2). John said: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." No man can be in the Spirit on the Lord's day and disobey the Bible by honoring Christ and spending time and money in honoring other, that belong to the Lord's day.

(3). It disobeys the Scripture. Read Matt 15:1-9. The observance of Mother's Day as a rule of guilt of both the sins there demned by the Lord. They say mother a flower or something and pay no attention to her balance of the year. The Bible calls all such folk hypocrites. Also says their worship is vain cause they are not obeying the Bible. Mothers should be honored 365 days in the year every day, but God's time on God's day should not be given or used to honor other. The Editor's mother is living. He has never observed Mother's Day; but he has so honored her all these years, that she lived in his home, that she said more than once that I gave her an unkind word. That my conception of the right way to honor our mothers. Be kind to them and honor them 365 days of the year.

(4). The whole Mother's sentiment and program is wrong. It puts mothers above fathers that is unscriptural and man's sentiment.

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### THE SUGAR CREEK GANG

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The broadcast is heard daily over KXEL, a 50,000 watt clear channel station, located on the dial at 1540. Thousands of our girls and boys who have thrilled to the SUGAR CREEK GANG

stories will be delighted to find that they can now hear Mr. Hutchens in person, reading the books and interpreting the characters and their moods in the way that he intended them to speak and feel when he wrote the books.

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After reading this issue of Examiner, please give it to your friend.



## SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

(Continued from page one)

without me ye can do no-  
(John 15: 4, 5).

A sheep is gentle. There is so tame and gentle as a lamb. Even a child will approach without fear. This characteristic gentleness should ever distinguish God's own. "Gentle, and lowly entreated, full of mercy and good fruits." (James 3:17). The fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, patience." (Gal. 5:22, 23).

A sheep is dependent. This is evident in the case in the parable for there the sheep must follow the shepherd for protection and for guidance to and from pasture. God's people ought to depend upon the Lord. Mueller of England said, "If I were a door-key, don't do anything to find it, until you pray."

God's sheep be cast back more upon God. A sheep is ever characterized by a tendency to wander. If there is a gap anywhere in the flock, he will get out. How sadly this is of God's dear sheep.

In grace how great a debtor, I'm constrained to be! My good like a fetter by my wandering heart to thee!

To wander, Lord, I feel it,  
To leave the God I love;  
My heart, O take and seal it  
For thy court's above."

A sheep is harmless. Who ever even a child that was afraid of a sheep! God's people are thus to be harmless. "Behold, I have sent you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Matt. 10:16).

A sheep doesn't like filth. It is the cleanest domestic animal to be found. Although God's people have a propensity to wander and go astray, they do not like filth. The world gets a bad impression when it sees church members wallowing in sin. They are not God's sheep. They are either the Devil's sheep that have rooted in under the tree, or the Devil's goats that have climbed over the top.

When Noah sent forth the raven from the ark, the dove came back, since there was no food left. The raven never came back. Those putrid carcasses in the water provided a place for his feet to stand and for his stomach. Thus the nature of each manifested itself. There is a lot of old raven unclean natures in our churches. Sheep are like the dove; they like filth.

A boy I grew up on a stock farm where we raised lots of sheep and hogs. It was my business to get the hogs ready for the market and fairs. The Devil told me that there was no difference between a hog and a sheep. Usually I believed him. On Sunday morning, Mr. Hog his weekly bath, and he told me that he would roll up well on his feet, and polish his bristles with oil until they shined in the sun-light. Then he said, "Now, Mr. Hog, stay in the front porch and seating in an easy chair, he would be a bee-line to an old mud-puddle back of the barn and would wallow on one side. As I watched, he would say, 'Good-bye, 50 per cent of my work is gone.' As he contented, he would roll over on the other side to finish his task of rolling my morning's work. Did he do it? Because he was

a hog and it is a hog's nature to like filth. One day I saw a pet sheep walking across the old pond dam of this mud-slough and when some dirt slipped beneath her, she fell in. She got out at once looking very much ashamed of herself for having soiled her pretty white wool. Why didn't she wallow there like the hog? It was her nature to be clean. In our churches, we have a lot of the old hog, unregenerate nature, which manifests itself, but they are not God's people. His people may fall in sin, like the sheep, but they will not wallow in it, like the hog.

A sheep is a useful animal. Each year it produces a crop of wool and mutton. God's dear sheep are useful also. The daily attitude of every believer should be, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6).

I used to have an old gentleman in a church of which I was pastor who was perfectly happy whenever I preached from either one of the texts: "Feed My Sheep," or "By grace are ye saved." If I used them each Sunday morning and evening, this dear old soul would go into ecstatic jubilation. Now, those are good texts, but any text or subject used to an extreme will kill any church. One day I preached on "Missions" and at the close of the service he came to me with a look on his face as though he had been eating sour kraut and drinking lemonade for the past six months, saying, "O, Brother Gilpin, why didn't you feed the sheep?" Having heard that same plaintive note and having seen that rejected face often before, I said: "Look here, Brother, if I had a sheep as onery as you, I'd send him to the stock yards tomorrow morning." Beloved, there are many church members just like that, good—but good for nothing. A genuine sheep is really useful in Christ's Kingdom.

## II

It is interesting to notice the mark of ownership which God's sheep carry. Every good farmer will mark his livestock or poultry with either an ear-mark or a foot-mark. God's dear sheep carry His brand both in the ear and the foot.

First, there is the mark of the ear. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." (John 10:27). God's sheep have a hearing ear. They will hear Christ and His Word. They are like Lazarus, who though dead for three days, responded to the voice of Jesus. (John 11:43,44). Any church member who is not willing to listen to God's Word and who will not accept His Word, thereby proves that He is not one of God's sheep. In fact one of God's sheep won't hear anything else but His Word. Whereas one may be satisfied with the "Discipline," or with the findings of the "Presbytery," or with the teachings of his church fathers, the moment he is saved, he will have a taste then for nothing but the Word of God.

Not only do God's sheep carry a mark in the ear, they also carry a foot-mark. They have more than a hearing ear; they have following feet as well. Jesus said, "My sheep . . . follow me." (John 10:27). They may rebel or delay following some of Jesus' teachings, but if saved, eventually the "following foot" will manifest itself. Those who never follow Him, thus say to the world that they know not the Lord Jesus.

## III

This text further declares that Christ knows His sheep. He says "I know them." I am sure that one way whereby He knows His sheep is by their imperfections. A preacher friend travelling in Palestine said to a native shepherd, "Is it true that you actually know each sheep?" By way of answer the shepherd lifted his voice. No

lifted head from grazing to answer. He called again and another looked up, and on and on he called various ones of his flock. When asked how he could tell them apart he said, "This one has a squint; this one's toes are in a little; this one has a black spot; another, some wool off; and another has a piece out of the ear." Thus he remembered his sheep by their imperfections. Possibly Christ remembers us in like manner, for surely no one of His sheep is perfect.

Since He knows us then each of His sheep are secure. At the Judgment, Christ will say to the lost, "I never knew you." (Matt. 7:23). If one of Christ's sheep could be lost then Christ would falsify at the Judgment when He says, "I never knew you." In view of the spotless character of our Lord, then none of us can believe that He would thus speak. Therefore only one conclusion remains: since He knows us, we are secure in Him. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10: 27-29). "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39).

Since He knows His sheep then all is well even in the midst of danger. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28). "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." (Psa. 121:4). "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living." (Psa. 142: 4, 5).

"There never a heart-ache and never a groan  
Never a tear-drop and never a moan;  
Never a danger, but there on His throne  
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Since He knows His sheep then Heaven is our home and He will take us to it by and by. "For our citizenship is in Heaven; from whence also we took for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:20-21). What a blessed future each of God's dear sheep has before him. How wonderful to know that the God who has provided saving Grace, keeping Grace, and protecting Grace will also provide dying Grace, when He makes ready to take us to Heaven. Possibly the experience of no one better illustrates this than that of Roland Hill of Surrey Chapel, London, who when he lay dying raised himself and repeated a poem which he often quoted from his pulpit:

"And when I am to die, receive me I'll cry,  
For Jesus has loved me I can not tell why;  
But this I do find, that we two are so joined,  
He'll not be in glory and leave me

behind."

In closing we ask, "Are you one of His sheep; are you sure of it? I imagine that many of the hearts of my listeners must answer in the negative, and say, "I wish I were a sheep." Then if you sincerely wish to be one of His sheep listen to His words, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9). There are no difficult walls to scale to get to God; there is only one step, a step of Faith. There is only one door, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6). Today that door is open. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2). In view of the fact that some day this door will be closed, then make your calling and election sure today.

In the hills of West Virginia, a miner attended some evangelistic services and became deeply convicted. One night he started to talk to the evangelist after all had gone home, but he couldn't seem to grasp the Truth. At 10:30 o'clock the preacher proposed that the man go home, but return to talk about the matter the next night. The man said, "Sir, it must be settled tonight or never." At twelve o'clock the man jumped to his feet and cried, "I've got it." "Got what?" asked the evangelist. "The peace that Jesus made," was his reply. He went down in the shaft at 6 o'clock the next morning to work. Two hours later, there was a terrible explosion and he was pinned into a corner by a huge piece of coal. One man put his ear against a crack in the coal and heard him say, "Thank God, it was settled last night."

"It must be settled tonight.  
I can no longer wait,  
Peace with my God I now must have.  
Tomorrow may be too late."

"Tomorrow's sun may never rise  
To bless my long deluded sight,  
This is the time, O, then be wise.  
Thou wouldst be saved, then  
why not tonight?"

## CAMPBELLITES WANT AN ABRIDGED BIBLE

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Canticles, and Ezekiel, and much of the books of Exodus, Judges, Joshua, Joel, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and one or two portions of the New Testament could be left out with advantage.

"One is thinking here of the Bible of scholars, which may well remain as it is, only with a better order of material. But the Bible for popular use ought to be abridged and simplified. No wonder complaint is made that it is an unread book. That it receives the attention now given it is remarkable, considering the unintelligible and cumbersome form in which it is presented."

The writer points out that certain books were included and certain books left out as the result of human judgment as to their relative value. "This judgment has been vindicated to a large degree by later study."

"And every method that will give it access and meaning to the present generation is desirable. The impatient and practical mind of our time cannot be persuaded carefully to seek out the vital and saving truth of Holy Scripture and separate it from the less important, if not irrelevant, material. We need a Bible chronologically arranged and reduced to smaller dimensions by careful condensation." — Literary Digest.

Reader, get over the shock the above suggestions give you.

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When Barton W. Stone in 1809, started out to unite all the denominations into one, the first thing they did was to add to the Bible the doctrine that baptism was essential to salvation. Through the years their followers have contented for that. It is not in the Bible, but an addition which mutilates the whole plan of salvation by Grace. It was a doctrine that cut out the fundamental personality and quickening power of the Holy Spirit. It made religion an easy-going thing, and lowered the standard of spirituality and let down the bars to worldliness in their churches.

They who can add to the Book can by the same reasoning take from it, when they in their estimation will force God Almighty to lower His standards to come to the demands of the "impatient and practical minds" of this generation who cannot be induced on God's terms to seek out the "vital and saving truths" of the Bible.

The old slogan "Where the Bible speaks we speak, and where it is silent we are silent," is cast overboard by this new proposal. The one now that inevitably hangs at the Mast head of the Disciple's Organ will be in words that has always been in fact: "Where we want to speak, we will make the Bible speak, and what we want silenced, we will cut out of the Bible."

A layman on the streets of Pineville, who read the article from the Century, suggested that in as much as a number of the Ten Commandments were unpopular, that the spirit of the age demands cutting them out. The fact is the public has already cut out a number, and by the rule suggested by the "Century," it will be wise to cut any or all out, if the exigency of the "practical, impatient mind" demands. The proposition to abridge the Bible is an impeachment of the wisdom of God. It is bolder than the rankest infidels have ever spoken.

Salvation by blood atonement is the scarlet thread that runs thru the Books proposed to be left out. It is not to be denied that a scheme of salvation by water and works with a little seasoning of Grace could be patched up much easier with these Books left out. "A shorter route and a cheaper fare" religion, the very thing that Mr. Stone and Mr. Campbell proposed would be greatly simplified and helped along by this eliminating process. It is useless to say that people will not be taken in by this new proposition. They have already found a large number of companions. Rev. 22:18, 19, will take care of the case in the end. In the meantime, get ready for a new abridgement of the Bible.

Ed. Note: This was written by L. C. Kelley, Pineville, Ky., in 1920. It is far more pertinent today than when first published. Of course the matter to which Bro. Kelly refers is just a plain sample of Campbellism as it has existed since the days of Alexander Campbell — "adding to" and "taking from" the Bible. They have added salvation by the city's water-works and taken out salvation by grace.

## WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH IT?

A preacher who had been the recipient of many worthless gifts from his parishoners, was accosted one day by one of his deacons, who said:

"Pastor, let me give you a piece of advice."

"What is the matter with it?" was the appropriate and ready reply.

If much that is done in the name of charity was fully analyzed it would be seen that the re-



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