

THE BIBLE--THE GREATEST MIRACLE

It was absolutely impossible for the authors of the books of the Bible, about thirty in number, to have agreed concerning its main truths, unless they were under the influence of some power that controlled all they had to say.

It was 1,500 years from Moses to John. It was 400 years from Isaiah to Ezra. They did not know each other. They lived in different ages of the world, were of varied nationalities, temperaments, abilities, education and experience. But they all tell the same story without the slightest deviation.

The fact and character of God, the uniform standard of righteousness, the plan of salvation, the ten commandments, the facts and history of the Jews, are all and always one story. Neither did they make any effort to collect the books, to publish them, or to join the Old Testament to the New Testament. Yet, all this has been done in the most wonderful way; that we have had the King James version for 300 years, without the change of even a period or comma. All this is a miracle, unexplained on any basis of natural law. It looks very much as if what the Apostle Peter said was really true, namely, "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

So eager have modernists been to destroy the miracles of the Bible that they have overlooked these cardinal facts. As far as this is concerned, if you cancel the miracles of the Bible you have nothing left but a barbed wire fence. If you give up the Bible you have nothing left. It does not look now as if we are likely to do either.

If the books of Ezra and Nehemiah have an interesting account of the return of Judah to Jerusalem, of the rebuilding of the city's broken walls, and of the interposition of Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem, with the work. We have supposed that these men were fast asleep in their Samaritan hills, but about forty years ago they seemed to have re-appeared and are troubling the new Nehemiahs and Ezras as they are building the spiritual walls.

Tobiah exclaimed: "If a fox should run over the repaired walls they would fall down." His little fox has been scampering again over our walls, but all to no purpose. More Bibles are published every day than

ever before. The Master said: "Not one jot or one tittle shall pass until all be fulfilled." If he did not know what he was talking about we are quite sure that all the modern Samaritans who are now troubling the church do not.

What Goshem's pulp and theological chair may say, undoubtedly opposition to the Word of God is pigny as compared with the war upon the Bible in the fifteenth century. Then the hierarchy of the Church in England burned all the Bibles they could find or buy, fastened their translators to a stake, choked him to death, and then burned his body.

One hundred and fifty years before the martyrdom of Tyndale John Wyclif translated the Bible. It had to be written, however, as printing had not been invented. Not content with hatred of his work the prominent men of the church in that day disinterred Wyclif's bones buried in the church yard at Tutterworth, burned the bones, and threw the ashes into the little river Swift. They were carried to the Severn, then to the sea, and so around the world. This is probably the meanest thing the opposers of the Bible have ever done. Wyclif was on many accounts the greatest Englishman of his day.

When you are the least disturbed from modern departures of the faith, call to mind the fact that in 100 years the one convert of Adoniram Judson has increased to 87,000 in Burma alone. This fact falls with scientific, dynamic, crushing force upon every effort to undermine the faith of the people of the Word of God.

When President Lincoln finally entered into rest, Secretary Stanton said: "Now he belongs to the ages." When King James received the first printed copy of the Bible, he might have said: "Now we have the Book of the ages."

Divine illuminations are on its verge; the hopes of millions yet unborn are on its leaves. Time will demonstrate the fact that the Bible is the miracle of the ages.

There is no rhetoric equal to the Twenty-third Psalm, or the second chapter of Luke. Surpassing all climates are the words of Paul; more glorious than all vision is the picture of grandeur in Isaiah; and profoundly identified in importance are the writings of Moses. It is 2,000 years since Christ was here, but when we read

the Bible, we see him again, irreplicable in character, undiminished in reputation, dying on the cross, but triumphant in his resurrection.

Once I stood in the village of Nain, and gazed upon the traditional mount of transfiguration. I remember the record in Matthew of the voice from heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." It is our privilege to read in the first chapter of 2 Peter: "We have also a more sure word prophecy with which we do well to take heed as to a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawns, and the day star arises in our heart."

When I was a boy a large kite I was flying was suddenly hidden from sight by a bank of fog rolling in from the ocean. A man passing by said: "What are you doing, my boy?" "Flying a kite," I answered. "Yes but I don't see any kite." "Take hold of this string, and you will feel it pull," was the boy's answer. The words of the Holy Writ are the strings to our kite. We have only to grasp the string, and we shall feel the pull of the hidden kite of faith.—Watchman Examiner.

MRS. KATE FALLS DIES AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

Kings Mountain Herald.
After an illness spanning several years Mrs. Kate Falls died at her home here Sunday morning. She was a constant sufferer from external cancer for a number of years and had resorted to many and costly treatments with but little relief at any time. For the past several months she had been confined to her home and had been expected to die most any time for more than a week.

The funeral was conducted at the Methodist church Monday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of people who had met to pay the last tribute of respect to one of the town's best known women. The excellent floral tribute bore silent testimony to the esteem in which the department was held by those who knew her.

Plenty of Water.

Morganton News-Herald.
After the tannery fire surely nobody will say that Morganton made a mistake in providing a supply of water by gravity that is more than adequate for our actual needs. Without plenty of water the fire work of the firemen Saturday would have been wasted. It is simply providential that this fire did not come during that period just before the present system when water was so scarce at times that there was hardly more than enough drinking water to go around. It's not hard to remember when the admonition to "save water" was frequently given. If the tannery fire had occurred four years ago the entire plant would most probably have been in ashes today. In this instance alone the wisdom of gravity system has been proven beyond argument.

Locomotives pulling through Southern railway system passenger trains are now making approximately twice the distance formerly covered on each run, thus doubling the use of the capital invested in each engine and resulting in substantial economies in fuel consumption and cost of handling at terminals.

Between Washington and Atlanta, 637 miles, only two engines are used instead of four. Engines are changed at Spencer, changes formerly made at Monroe, Va., and Greenville, S. C., having been eliminated.

Between Cincinnati and Jacksonville 840 miles, three engines are used instead of six, changes being made only at Chattanooga and Macon. Formerly engines were also changed at Somerset, Ky., Atlanta and Valdosta, Ga.

Milk is the master food which supplies the body with the five vital elements required to build and maintain the body, say home demonstration workers.

LOOK FOR \$40,000 HID IN NEW YORK

Wealthy Halifax Man Said To Have Left It There Years Ago When He Played The Cotton Market Ard Won.

A recent issue of the New York Times says:

"The story of how a North Carolina farmer, who had an especial faith in his ability to rad aright the trend of the cotton market, made more than \$25,000 in cotton futures in New York and hid it away somewhere in the city while on a brief excursion here—just where no one knows—has just been disclosed in attempts to find this money on behalf of his heirs.

Lawyers and private investigator are inquiring at banks and searching safety deposit vaults and other likely hiding places for the money in an effort to solve the secret taken to his grave by A. F. Bobbitt, a wealthy cotton and tobacco planter of Halifax county, North Carolina. He made the money in New York and hid it here, but failed to reveal its hiding place before he died.

Carrying \$16,000 in cash in an old carpet bag the Southern planter arrived at the office of Gwathmey & Co., cotton brokers, one morning seventeen or eighteen years ago. He wanted to buy cotton futures and he was introduced to Mr. Burdett, who at that time was a customer's man for Gwathmey & Co. Under instructions of the planter the transactions in the cotton market was effected over a period of three or four weeks. The market did not falter. It followed almost exactly the predictions of the planter, and he was able to cash

in at the end of that time with a handsome profit. Mr. Burdett's best recollection is that the profit was \$20,000. The lawyers believe that the total sum hidden away may have included not only the profit but the principal as well, and that the total is about \$40,000.

"Mr. Bobbitt died last fall. Before death he confided to J. M. Johnston, of Littleton, N. C., and to his sister that his estate in North Carolina would be between \$200,000 and \$300,000 and that 'he has as much more in New York.' His beneficiaries doubt, however, that any moneys on deposit in New York amount to more than \$40,000. The heirs have placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Johnston and Roy Davis, of Warrington, N. C., who have taken the job on a basis of a 10 per cent return in case the money is found, and have retained George Gordon Battle to direct the search for the hidden fortune, here."

What We Spend on Cars.

Charlotte News.

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Secretary Hoover says that this enormous wealth came not from saving but from increased production.

Tom Tarheel says if a hen with yellow legs and a streak of yellow around her beak or vent is found at this time of the year, she very likely should be put in the pot for she isn't doing her duty as a layer.

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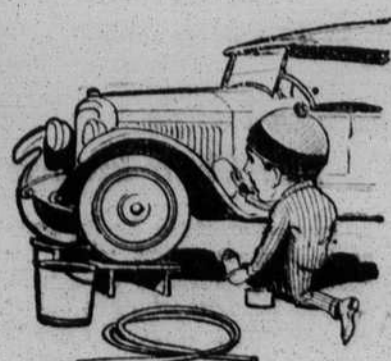


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