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THE BAPTIST BIBLE

We are pleased to give below an interesting special article prepared by Rev. Geo. A. Witte, pastor of the First Baptist church of Alliance, for The Herald.



REV. GEO. A. WITTE

The daily papers throughout the country have been publishing scarce articles on the recent issue by the American Baptist Publication Society of what they are pleased to call the "Baptist Bible". As there seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding about this whole matter, even on the part of intelligent members of our own denomination, a brief statement of the facts in the case appears to be necessary. These facts are substantially as follows:

The American Bible Union undertook the revision of the Bible more than sixty years ago. The revisers of the union, under the leadership of Dr. Thos. J. Conant, completed the translation or revision of the New Testament (first published in its entirety in 1865) and issued translations of the Old Testament books of Genesis, Job, Psalms and Proverbs. In 1883, after years of discussion and difficulty, the Bible convention at Saratoga, N. Y., called for the purpose of settling the controversy and making plans for the future Bible work of the denomination, transferred that work, so far as this country was concerned, to the American Baptist Publication Society. One of the conditions of this transfer was that the Publication Society should complete the revision of the entire Bible, provided special funds were given for that purpose. Such funds were given, and the Publication Society began its work in 1884. The New Testament was placed in the hands of Dr. Weston, Broadus and Hovey for the further revision, and was reissued in 1891. In 1889 arrangements were made for the revision of the Old Testament. To Dr. B. C. Taylor, of Crozer Seminary, was given the revision of the portions of the Old Testament issued by the Bible Union, and the translation of Exodus, Judges, Ruth and First and Second Samuel. To Prof. J. R. Sampey, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was given the translation of the remainder of the historical books, and Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations. Pres. Wm. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, undertook the translation of Isaiah and the Minor Prophets, and Prof. Ira M. Price, of the same institution, assumed the task of translating Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

This translation or revision is a faithful rendering of the original Hebrew and Greek into idiomatic English. The utmost pains have been taken to give a most accurate and clear translation of the exact words of the sacred writers. The absurd divisions of the chapters into verses, the headlines of chapters, the guesses in chronology which occur in King James Version, have all been omitted from the "Baptist Bible". These were the works of men. Poetry has been printed as poetry, to show the literary form. Every intelligent person knows that the italics in King James Version are not meant to emphasize words, but, on the contrary, to indicate that there are no words in the Hebrew and Greek of the Old and New Testaments answering to these italicized words. In cases where it has been necessary to supply words to complete the sense in the transfer from Hebrew or Greek idiom into English such supplied words have been bracketed.

It is time that the people generally were emancipated from the ignorance that believes that King James Version dropped down out of heaven, as the Mormons falsely claim that their "Golden Bible" did. The plea that the English of King James Version is verbally inspired is arrant nonsense, and has made pious fools of many lovers of the Bible. That noble translation is only a revision of previously existing translations, and was made by men who did a glorious work. They gave us our finest English classic, and a translation that was remarkable for the year 1611. Its excellences, however, should not blind us to the fact that in 300 years we have learned far more than its revisers knew about

both the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible, that we have a much greater equipment for accurate translation of the Bible than these revisers possessed.

Of course, this edition is not a "Baptist Bible" any more than the Standard Revision, the King James, the Douay, or any other revision, is a "Baptist Bible". That the translation or revision has been done by Baptist scholars, and issued by a Baptist publishing house, in no way makes it a "Baptist Bible", neither does it affect the rendering of the original text. Baptists have reason for gratitude and pride that they have among their men competent to give the world a complete and faithful rendering of the entire Bible and the means of issuing it in printed form, but they can lay no claim to having done anything more in this work than to transfer from one language to another the veritable word of God.

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Thus, the training and methods developed in the course of the classification of the coal lands have brought about higher standards of refinement in stratigraphy, as well as in economic work, in other regions of the country. Another very notable illustration of scientific results springing from the study of economic problems is found in the administration of the Weeks Act, providing for the purchase by the Federal Government of certain forested lands which may affect the flow of navigable streams. The intensive hydro-metric experimental studies carried on in order actually to show, in accordance with the terms of the law, the degree of protection afforded by forests to soil and water in certain areas proposed for purchase as national forests have resulted in empirical determinations and demonstrations of high scientific value as well as of tangible economic importance. [From Annual Report, Director United States Geological Survey.]

Mrs. Frank Dunning of Hysham, Mont., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCorkle.

Miss Izola Worley is spending her vacation in a little different way than she expected. She has been ill with tonsillitis for some time but is slowly improving.

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