

AN ADVISORY MAKEWEIGHT

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The articles for this issue of the magazine have overrun their allotted span and so your distribution secretary has been promoted to use these two pages! My position in the centre of the production and distribution of literature supplies me by correspondence received, with an overall picture of the spiritual needs of people and, to some extent, the fruit discovered by those who seek to pass on the precious truths they have made their own.

In conversing with friends and chance acquaintances, common experience finds the Bible accepted only in parts or misused or misunderstood. To demonstrate that all the Bible is inspired, and to show the virtues of Right Division and the implications of Dispensational Truth, require many hours with the person in question and the Open Book. Many of us, and I speak for myself, find difficulty in speaking convincingly and clearly. Proof texts are not always at our finger tips. Whilst these are drawbacks which we should ever endeavour to remove, yet our witness should not wait for the eloquence of Apollos. It is here at this point that the literature provided by the Trust can come to our aid.

Apart from the wonderful expository volumes on specific books such as *Just and the Justifier*, there are booklets to meet error and difficulties; among these are:

THE RECONCILIATION OF ALL THINGS.—Some teach that God is love and will eventually reconcile all men to Himself. God has said: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways” (Isa. lv. 8). We need to look closely at what God has said on the subject. While it is not our province to judge the unbeliever, we need to hold fast to and proclaim the clear positive statements God has recorded regarding the means of grace and our salvation. This booklet has been written to meet many objections that have been raised.

HELL: OR PURE FROM THE BLOOD OF ALL MEN.—The doctrine of eternal torment as the end of sinners is a belief which is widely held and for many today is a spur to the conversion of souls. The booklet follows the usual method of Mr. Welch in collecting all the terms used for Hell and other terms related to the judgment and the destination of sinners, and demonstrating their true usage and implications from other passages of Scripture and the use of the Greek equivalent in the Septuagint.

ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.—Here is a book, not so much for the unbeliever as for the one who has not realized the amazing provision God has planned for us in His Son. What we could never hope for from our own efforts,

God has declared He will extend to us through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. God goes to the length of applying to us, who can understand and accept this offer, the word *charitoo* translated 'made us accepted'. The word *charitoo* occurs in only one other N.T. passage, namely Luke i. 28 when the angel greets the Virgin Mary with the words:

“Hail, thou that art *highly favoured* among women.”

Here is a booklet that sets forth some of these inestimable blessings.

WISDOM HUMAN AND DIVINE.—Universities and scholastic attainments produce the attitude of mind in many a young man and woman, that, having investigated the conclusions of ancient and not so ancient philosophers, they feel they would support those who can do without God, because 'after all you can't prove God exists'. In this booklet however, the conclusions of ancient thinkers such as Plato and Aristotle are reviewed, with the quest that they all had in common. The treatment is challenging and most interesting, and throws much light on the background of John's Gospel. Again you find a booklet designed to evoke a response from a certain grade of character or learning.

TRUE FROM THE BEGINNING.—A booklet that reviews the Bible, not as a production of man, reliable in parts, but as one harmonious whole and fully inspired by God. The Lord, mark you the risen Lord, in Luke xxiv. 25-27, beginning at Moses and all the prophets expounded unto His disciples in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself and set His seal upon that inspiration and truth. Consideration of testimony such as this, structures, numerics, and archaeological evidence, etc., are carefully weighed and clearly presented. Here is food for the sceptic and the man with a problem.

THE TEMPLE OF TRUTH.—Beside the apocryphal books of the O.T. it is known that there were many spurious writings about our Lord's life and early childhood. We say spurious, but how in those early years was our present N.T. collection finally fixed? We believe God intervened to ensure only the writings that He had inspired and thought necessary for our learning and guidance were included. The Canon of Scripture then, that is the agreed collection, one might expect to show the same perfect construction as the text of the Bible itself. This little leaflet demonstrates just this, and provides an added proof of our Father's hand in the Word of Truth.

The members of the Trust are here to support your witness by literature, your fellow readers by their prayers and donations. May you receive all guidance and blessing in your fellowship with us in seeking to make known the Truth committed to our charge.