

The question as to what Books should constitute the New Testament will never be opened again.

So we close our story of the Making of the Bible. In one sense it has shown us that the Church made the Bible. The Church by her great sons received the inspired words; the Church through many ages decided its contents. But I trust it has shown more clearly the awe-inspiring truth that the Bible was made for man by the Holy Spirit of God. He it was who gave the holy words to His Church. He it was who by His silent influence on that Church decided what its contents should be. Surely it was no chance that made the Canon of Scripture. For if anything is clearly taught by this story it is this, which I said at its beginning, that the Canon of Scripture was formed not suddenly by some startling miracle, not officially by some decision of Synod or Bishop or prophet or saint, but slowly, gradually, half unconsciously, by the quiet influence of the Holy Spirit on the minds of men in the Church. "The Bible was formed even as the Church itself was formed, by that Holy Spirit who was the life of both."

God made the Bible. God made the Old Testament. God made the New. And when "in the fulness of time God sent forth His Son "