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The Prize Winners.

Last week it was announced that the prize answers to the recent Bible questions would be published in the present issue of TRUTH.

The following is the first correct answer received, and to it the first prize was therefore awarded:—

McMASTER HALL, TORONTO.

S. FRANK WILSON, ESQ.

Dear Sir,—I beg to offer myself as a competitor for one of the seven prizes offered in TRUTH, and submit the following answers to the questions proposed:

1. Shortest verse in the Old Testament: 1 Chron. 1:25, "Eber, Polog, Rju"—12 letters.
2. Shortest verse in New Testament: John xi. 35, "Jesus wept."
3. Number of Books in Old Testament, 39; in New Testament, 27. Total 66 in the Bible.
4. Number of chapters in Old Testament, 929; in New Testament, 260. Total, 1,189 in the Bible.
5. Number of verses in O. T., 23,145; in N. T., 7,957—Total 31,102 in the Bible.

REMARKS.

1. In the foregoing estimate the Apocrypha is, of course, excluded.
2. The foregoing figures apply to King James' authorized version of 1611, Oxford edition.
3. The headings prefixed at the beginning of the several chapters are not counted as verses; nor again the notes at the end of the Epistles, stating where they were written.
4. I observe a respectable authority gives the number of verses in the New Testament as 7,959. This is not correct. It should be 7,957.
5. The books are counted as they appear in the English Bible, and not in some Hebrew MSS. Thus, e.g., First and Second Samuel are counted as two books and not one.
6. The answers I have given are also lately correct according to these premises, as I have abundantly verified.

Yours truly,

D. M. WELTON

Mr. Wm. Wallace Bruce Anderson, Practical Teacher, in sending the second correct

answers received, gave in detail each chapter in the Bible and the number of verses in each, adding all up carefully and correctly, making twenty-three columns on folio paper. It would take too much space to reproduce these, but they are absolutely correct in every particular and were carefully verified in this office.

These two sets of answers were carefully verified in TRUTH office, by two competent men, and afterward, in order to leave no room for public doubt, they were submitted to two gentlemen well-known throughout the province:—Rev. W. N. Clarke, D.D., Professor at the Baptist Theological College in Toronto, and Rev. Wm. Inglis, late Parliamentary Librarian for Ontario.

Here are the letters of these gentlemen:—

Toronto, Jan. 7th, 1884

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your request I have examined regarding the number of the verses in the Bible sent to TRUTH by Wm. Wallace Bruce Anderson and Dr. D. M. Welton. These answers agree, and I have satisfied myself that they are correct.

Yours,

W. N. CLARKE.

I acquiesce in the above statement of Rev. Dr. Clarke.

WM. INGLIS.

REV. DR. HARPER'S LETTER.—The following letter has been received from one of the oldest and best known of the Methodist ministers. Rev. Ephraim Harper, D.D., has a well earned reputation of being one of the best read men in the Methodist Church, and a recognized authority on Biblical questions. It will, however, be seen that his answers differ considerably from those above given. We will be glad to have the reverend gentlemen go over the figures at any time and point out any error, if such exists. He is evidently mistaken as to the number of verses at all events.

BARRIE, 5th Jan., 1884

MY DEAR MR. WILSON,
I notice by "Truth" of this day's issue that there is some dispute about points which test the correctness of the answers sent to your questions, published in "Truth" and elsewhere on the 8th Dec. last. Now although interested in the result I claim to be one among authorities on such matters I hold and maintain that my answers were strictly and literally correct in every instance. I observe from the reports accompanying the competitions Nos 1 and 2 that my answers were correct, although I did not get a prize. I suppose it was because others had their answers in before me as to time. I have just examined a small work (T. Good, Publisher, Clerkenwell Green, London,) on the Bible which I brought with me from London last October, that the number of chapters in the Bible is given as 1,189, and the number of verses 31,173, these are the numbers given by me. As to the shortest verse in the Old Testament I still maintain that 1 Chron. 1:25 is the shortest verse, and that Jno. xi. 35 is the shortest in the New Testament. The number of books in the Bible is just 66 I would not submit (without protesting against it as a wrong done me as a competitor) to any man's authority as to the number of chapters and verses in the Bible unless a new count is made.

Yours truly,

E. B. HARPER.

The other prize winners, whose names we gave in our last issue, also agree, in every respect, with the answers submitted by the above mentioned first prize winners. Besides the above there were quite a few others whose answers were quite correct, but failed to reach us in time to secure any of the prizes.

The time for receiving answers to the questions now proposed will soon close. Those intending to compete will do well to send in at once, or as early as possible. Every one may depend on the fairest justice being done in all instances. No matter who may send, or how many may send, the first answers absolutely correct in regard to all the questions will be awarded the prize.

Some New Bible Questions.

Entertaining Employment for the Long Winter Evenings for both Old and Young.

Valuable Presents for Those who Search the Scriptures.

TRUTH is trying to interest its readers in the study of the Bible, and has given a number of very valuable gold and silver watches, chains, lockets, rings, etc., already this winter, to those who have correctly answered certain difficult Bible questions.

Here is what is propounded for the next competition, which is open to everybody:—

1st. How many times is the word Lord found in the Bible? 2nd. How many times is the word Jehovah found in the Bible? 3rd. Are there two chapters alike in the Bible? If so, where are they? The following are the prizes, which will be promptly given to the first fifteen persons who send correct answers to each of these questions given above.

Bear in mind that if you send correct answers to two, and the third one be incorrect you will not get a prize. Every one competing must send two dollars for one year's subscription to TRUTH, which will be sent to any desired address, postage paid.

1ST PRIZE.—One Gold Hunting Case Watch, American movement, case finely engraved, retailed about \$90.

2ND.—Ladies' Gold Hunting Case Watch, elegantly engraved cases, retail, \$60.

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4TH.—Gentlemen's Coin Silver Hunting Case Watch, retail, \$20.

5TH.—Gentlemen's Coin Silver Hunting Case Watch, retail, \$17.

6TH.—Gentlemen's Coin Silver Hunting Case Watch, retail \$13.

7TH.—Aluminium Gold Hunting Case Watch, retail, \$10.

8TH.—Gentlemen's Nickel Silver Hunting Case Watch, American style movement.

9TH.—1 Dozen Triplo Silver Plated Dinner Knives, extra good value, packed in neat case, retail, \$8.50.

10TH.—1 Dozen Triplo Silver Plated Countess Dessert Spoons, \$8.00.

11TH.—Gentlemen's Open Face Nickel Watch, same style movement, retail, \$7.50.

12TH.—1 Dozen Triplo Silver Plated Tea Knives, extra good value, packed in neat case, retail, \$6.50.

13TH.—Beautiful Imitation Diamond Ring, gold setting, retail, \$6.50.

14TH.—Fine Gold Gem Ring, retail, \$6.00.

15TH.—1 Dozen Triplo Silver Plated Countess Spoons, \$5.00.

Now don't delay if you want to take advantage of this liberal offer. It only remains open till the 30th of January. The names and addresses of the prize winners will be given in TRUTH for the 2nd of February.

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"No; she lingered and suffered along, pining away all the time for years, the doctors doing her no good; at last was cured by this Hop Bitters the papers say so much about. Indeed! indeed! how thankful we should be for that medicine."

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See! See!! See!!!

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Any one of these books given with a \$2-subscription to "Truth," or all of them to