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### Not a Contradiction.

An esteemed correspondent has called our attention to what he considers a discrepancy between a comment given in a recent number of The Banner and a matter of fact, recorded in Scripture.

In the note on the eighth verse of the tenth chapter of Matthew, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils;" it was said "the phrase 'raise the dead' should be omitted. It is not in the best manuscripts, and there is no record in Gospel history of such a miracle by a disciple." Our correspondent asks if this does not conflict with the statement in the ninth chapter of Acts concerning the raising of Tabitha by Peter.

It certainly does seem to so conflict, but the explanation is this: The writer of the comment, in support of his statement that the expression "raise the dead" is omitted in the best manuscripts, limits his further statement that

there is no record of such a miracle being wrought by a disciple by the qualification "in Gospel history," that is, in the narrative of the four evangelists. When our Lord first sent forth the twelve there were many limitations. They were not to go into the way of the Gentiles, nor into any city of the Samaritans. But after the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, a wider range was given to their ministrations. Miracle working powers were given to the apostles, many signs and wonders were wrought by them. They received a broader commission, and were sent not merely to the Jews, but to the Samaritans and to the Gentiles also. At the prayer of Peter, Tabitha was raised from the dead,—Acts 9. 40, 41. At the prayer of Paul Eutychus was called back to life.

We are thankful to our correspondent for raising this question, and thus giving the opportunity to make this explanation.

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