

taken and furnished to all the other revisors and such other scholars as are willing to assist.

After these copies have been returned to the revisor, with the criticisms and suggestions of those who have examined them, and he has revised his work, to reserve it in the hands of the Union, until all the revisors have similarly completed their portions, when the whole will be subjected to the thorough examination of a Committee of Revisors appointed by the Union, to continue in session in the City of New York, until they have finally adjudicated upon each word and phrase and prepared the book for the press.

5. The received Greek Text, critically edited, with known errors corrected, is adopted as the text to be used by the revisors.

6. The common English version is made the basis of revision, and only such alterations are to be made as the exact meaning of the inspired text, and the existing state of the language may require.

7. All alterations must be sustained by competent authority and such authority must be cited.

8. The exact meaning of the inspired text, as that text expressed it to those who understood the original Scriptures at the time they were first written, must be given in corresponding words and phrases, so far as they can be found in the English language, with the least possible obscurity or indefiniteness.

From this last and fundamental rule, no variation is allowable. The determination of the Bible Union is to seek and secure at any necessary cost, the exact meaning of God's word, and to express that meaning in plain English. And by cost in such an expression, we mean not merely the expenditure of pecuniary means; but the cost of toil, of peace, and reputation. We have sustained the shock of public and of private ridicule. Our personal reputation has been attacked, and our names have been cast out as evil. Still our resolution has not changed, and our courage has not faltered. We have never supposed that we could accomplish the work, unless, we were aided and directed by God; and we have humble confidence that we seek his aid, and seek it not in vain.

Our revisors are men of eminent qualifications. Among them are represented six different evangelical denominations. If there is still a competent scholar not engaged, whose services in so holy and blessed a work can be procured, the Board will be grateful to learn his name and address. Although the whole Testament has been portioned out, and every part is under revision; yet such is the expansiveness and comprehensiveness of our plan, that we can employ other scholars to advantage.

THE SEALED BOOK--THE CLERGY.

Our very worthy friend and more than half brother in the Lord, Mr. James Jack, of Essa township, while tarrying with him last year, made brother Black and myself a present of a volume, entitled, "Dissertations on the opening of the Sealed Book, illustrating the prophetic signs used in Daniel and the Revelations." This work with