THE HOLY SCRIPTURES. Print Psa. 19: 7-14; 2 Tim. 3: 14-17.

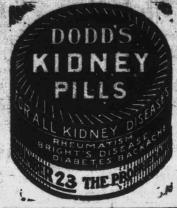
Commentary.—1. Excellence of the Scriptures (Psa. 19; 7.14; 19: 9-16, 97, 165). 7, the law of the Lord—The psalmist had in mind the writings of Moses and whatever else had been divinely given, as well as what he would thereafter inspire his servants to write. is perfect—It is perfect in that it fully expresses God's will, and in that it has the effect he designed. converting the soul—When God's word is received and fully followed anyone, that person becomes chang-in heart and in life by the operation of the Holy Spirit. testimony of the Lord—This phrase is used to indicate God's word. As a testimony it is a declaration of divine truth and abso-lutely reliable. 8. statutes—Rules, or puscepts. rejoicing the heart—With conversion comes added understand-ing and with it comes joy also. com-mandment of the Lord—Jehovah's requirements. 9. fear or the Lord—His word inspires his fear in the heart affected by it, so that there comes to be loving obedience to that word. clean-Uncontaminated by any evil. enduring for ever—The word of God is truth and truth abides. It is like God himself. judgments...true and righteous—God's judgments, or ordinances, are absolutely righteous. 10. more to be desired...than much fine gold—The psalmist gives here a of the comparative value of God's word. Gold is a standard of values and was then, as now, highly prized but God's word is more desirable "than gold, yea, than much fine gold." sweeter also than honey—As gold is the standard of sweetness. David declares the scriptures to be more pleasing to the spiritual appetite than honey to the physical. 11. by them is thy servant warned—The word of the Lord warns us against the dan gers that beset our way and shows th way of safety, satisfaction and useful

—Man is short-sighted and cannot un-aided find his way to God and heaven. He must have divine guidance. H does not know himself only as the Holy Spirit takes the word of God and applies it to him, cleanse thou from secret faults—The inspired writer was in earnest to be right in the sight of the Lord. One may be outwardly upright and appear to to b eso, yet he may be wicked at He may be covering up sin Such a person can not prosper in his soul. 13. keep back thy -"Presumptuous sins" stand in contrast to "secret faults." Presumptusins are characterized by prid and brazenness, and defiance of God. The psalmist saw the liability of humanity to fall into sin and he utters a cry for help. let them not have dominion over me—He was intensely in earnest to be kept from the power of sin. He realized that sin is dominating in its tendency and will hold wherever it can gain the ascen dency. He realized he was not able to keep himself, hence he called for from God. innocent from the great trangression—Through divine help he was confident of deliverance from the sins that threatened his up rightness and peace. 14. the word of my mouth—It means much to speak only such words as are pleasing The tongue is spoken of as difficult to control, but there is power in divine grace to bring the heart uneration so fully that the tongue will speak only the things that are right. meditation of my heart-Back of the words of the mouth are the thoughts of the heart.

Psa. 119: 9-16, 97, 165. The excellence of God's work is strongly set forth in this psalm. The writer speaks of having hidden it in his heart with the expectation that thus he would be kept from sinning against him. had not only learned the word, He had not only learned the word, but he had given it a place in his heart He took delight in that word, and his love for it was so great that it was his meditation all the day. They who truly love God's law have great peace, and nothing will be allowed to make them stumble. It is the word of God that has this effectiveness, and not

man's interpretation of it.

II. Their authority (Acts 17: 10-12) When one sincerely and earnestly studies God's word, his position is promising. He is likely to receive the illumination he needs, and if he is persevering he is brought to know Jesus as his Saviour. While Paul was prosecuting his second missioinary journey, he labored at Berea. He and Thessalonica in Europe, and had been



persecuted in each place. Having ar rived at Berea, they entered the synagogue and preached to the Jews, who gave them a respectful hearing. This was a fruitful field, for the Jews searched the scriptures to learn whether the apostles were telling then the truth. They placed full confidence in the authority of the word of God and as the preaching of Paul and Silas agreed with that word, they accepted

it, and believed it.

III. Divinely given (2. Tim. 3: 14-17;
Heb. 1; 1, 2). Paul wrote this epistle
shortly before his death, probably
during his second imprisoment at
Rome. 14. Continue thou—Paul's exhortation was directed to Timothy,
who had been converted under his
labors and who was a faithful servant
of the Lord. Paul's detre was that of the Lord. Paul's desire was that Timothy should continue to honor and love the scriptures as the word of God. 15. From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures—Timothy was early taught the word of God. The rabbis said that Jewish children to begin to read the law at the age of five years. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God—"Every s ture inspired by God."—R. V. I writing divinely inspired. Clarke Each of these translations is allowable and all declare for the divine inspiration of the scriptures. The Bible is from God. He is its author Bible is from God. He is its author and he has in it expressed his will. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pete 1: 21). Is profitable—From their source it is clear that they were given for an important purpose. They come for an important purpose. They come from doctrine, or teaching, to the ignorant, with reproof for the wicked, with correction for those who should be set right and withinstruction in the ways of true religion. 17. That the man of God—Every genuine Christian has a right to this title, yet here it refers were particularly to the it refers more particularly to the Christian minister. May be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—God's purpose is to equip fully those whom he saves and sends forth to accomplish his will. They are to be morally complete, pure in heart and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Heb. 1: 1, 2. In addition to the revelation that God has made of himsel in nature, by the Holy Spirit directly and by the writings which he inspired he has spoken by his Son, and this revelation declares his great love for

QUESTIONS-How is the law of the Lord characterized by the psalmist? How valuable is it? What does that What prayer does law accomplish? What prayer does the psalmist offer? Describe Paul's ministry at Berea. In what respect were the Boreans more noble than the people of Thessalonica? How had Timothy been trained in his youth? What is said of the source of the scriptures? For what are the scriptures profitable? In what ways has God revealed himself?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic-The Bible a progressive reve

The Bible is both a revelation from from God and of God. In its sacred disclosures He reveals himself; hence it is a living word. Its consideration will embrace, first, its credentials; It asserts for itsecond, its contests. self, a divine origin. The apostle declares, "All scriptures is given by in-inspiration (inbreathing)of God," by which is meant the actuating energy of the Holy Spirit upon men, whose guidance they have officially proclaimed his will. It involves rev-elation, or truth supernaturally conveyed to the minds of "men chosen before of God, 'and the impartation of such knowledge ts they could not attain of themselves. Both involve a supernatural quality, and impart a permanent authority to the scriptures as the depository of truth. Neither can be surrendered without disaster to the whole Chirstian system and irrepar-able injury to faith and life. It seems impossible to believe in God and man without believing also in divine revelation. Human achievements are al-ways incomplete. Man's deepest discoveries and highest attainments need to be supplemented.

wisdom knew not God." The asy tions and necessities of the soul mand a revelation. Apart from man is conscious of soul stelmess, man is conscious of soul sickness, but has no cure. Only revelation unfolds the moral and spiritual significance of the world in which we live and imparts the knowledge which man needs of himself, of his duty and of his destiny. It "is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." It is plain, yet profound. A child can grasp its essential truths; a sage can not comprehend its boundless disclosures. "Its adaptation to intellects of all dimensions is like the light; equally suited

in rightcounsees." It is plain, yet profound. A child can grasp its essential truths; a sage can not comprehend its boundless disclosures. "Its adaptation to intellects of all dimensions is like the light; equally suited to the eye of the minutest, insect and to the extended vision of man." It is a universal book, adapted to every condition and experience of human life. It stands or falls together, and must be accepted or rejected as a whole. It does not contain the word of God, it has yet to be convicted of historical, scientific or moral inaccuracy.

The progress of revelation may be divided into three epochs; the primitime revelation made to man prior to written revelation, the covenant revelation to Israel and the revelation of all divine manifestations to our world and which forms the central point of all history (Heb. 1; 1, 2). God gave to men as they were able to receive. Ceremonialism was an exalted and divinely instituted system of worship. It was the "shadow of good things to come" (Heb. 1); 1, 2). God gave to men as they were able to receive. Ceremonialism was an exalted and divinely instituted system of worship. It was the "shadow of good things to come" (Heb. 1); 1, 2). God gave to men as they were able to receive. Ceremonialism was an exalted and divinely instituted system of worship. It was the "shadow of God" were originally given to a chosen and separated peopple, but given for a world-wide dissemination. Revelation necessarily culminated in Jesus Christ, who was God "manifest in the flesh." No man hath seem God. the only begotten Son. hath declared him." The Old Testament is meaningless apart from the New, God's message of truth culminates it self in Jesus Christ, the was sembod-fied truth. Of himself he said, "I am. the truth." No supplements to the Bible are needed. It contains all the more truth the world will ever require.

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CATTLE BREEDING REAL SCIENCE.
In animal breeding, it has for ages been an accepted principle that the sire is half the herd. It is so with cattle, with horses, with poultry; in fact, with all livestock. But, notwithstanding the correctness of this principle, entirely too many breeders ignore it in practice. The skilled breeder does not need to be reminded of this fact, for his experience has taught him the wisdom of proper selection of the male line. Making use of a scrub or grade sire, an account of mistaken economy in cost, is the proper way of golng backwards.

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It is needless to say that the selected sire should be pure bred of the same breed to which the females belong. In case of grading up cross-bred females, the sire should be of the breed best suited for the object in view. A sire whose ancestors have been bred for many generations for a single purpose is eminently better fitted to transmit his characteristics than one whose ancestry is mixed. To better understand this the breeder should have some knowledge of the laws of heredity.

With respect to the relation between the offspring and his ancestry; it must first be borne in mind that the individual animal possesses all the characters of the breed to which he belongs, and that these may be either well developed or undeveloped. In the case of a good pure bred WHAT THE SIRE SHOULD BE.

veloped. In the case of a good pure bred sire we have an animal with certain well developed desirable characters which are due to continued selection with a difinite purpose in view. The same animal also possesses the undesirable characters, but in a potential form.

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The greatest single improvement possible in present-day animal breeding in most lines would be to free the situation from unimportant characters. At least the breeder must pay attention to a large number of considerations in making selection. Constitutional vigor, high productive powers and utility for the purpose in mind are fundamental considerations, and the latter (utility) is very apt to cover many points. Continued selection of animals with certain characters will shift the type in any desired direction, and after several generations it will breed true. The facts of heredity go to show that all good breeding requires that the type shall be unchanged for at least six generations if we hope to get anything like uniformity of offspring.

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tem of grading should be more extensively practiced.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS.

If straws tell the direction of the wind they ought to be of some value. They are of value to enterprising farmers who make the proper use of them. Wheat and oat straw has some value as a feed, the value depending, very largely upon the kind of straw the condition when harvested and the manner of curing the grain. For fertility it is always worth saving and returning to the soil. According to investigations made by Dr. C. E. Hopkins, of the University of lilinois, a ton of straw contains about 10 pounds of nitrogen, 18 pounds of potash and two pounds of phosphorous. At present prices of these constituents when bought in commercial fertilizers, the straw is certainly worth returning to the soil. The vegetable matter and the fertility contained in wheat and oat straw are certainly worth saving. Future crops will depend very largely upon the manner of saving fertility. Those who use the straw in this way are pointing the way for soil maintenance. They are saving fertility needed for larger crops and better profits.

More pastures, even if lands are higher than they were formerly, would be a good investment on some farms. Animals must have a chance to feed themselves, for with expensive labor farmers can hardly afford to feed them. More pastures will enable farmers to raise more animals.

Every farmer should have a few prosperous colonies of bees. The honey bee is our expert carrier of the pollen from nother is the rule among honey plants and self-fertilizing of one flowef by pollen from another is the rule among honey plants and self-fertilization is the exception. If fruit blossoms fail to set fruit perhaps a few colonies of bees would help. From the point of view of honey alone there is no legitimate enter-

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prise from which a larger percentage of profit can be secured on the necessary capital invested and labor expended. No other enterprise fits in so well with gen-eral farming and offers such attractive inducements to the faithful and indus-

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Look to the future of soil fertility and
save the soil. If a cover crop seems desirable, make a sacrifice or get and use
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Harrow the orchard about once in 10 days—especially after rains and before a hard crust forms.

In some districts cow-testing associations have resulted in the butchering of one-fifth of the dairy cows as unprofitable producers. It pays to get rid of the "boarder" cox.

The farmer wno burns wood for heating or cooking should carefully store the ashes and not permit them to leach, as they have a peculiar fertilizing value. They not only contain potash and phosphoric acid in appreciable amounts, but also contain magnesia and lime, and when applied to the land they also act indirectly to increase the available nitrogen content of the organic matter in the soil.

Ordinary house wood ashes contain on the average about § or 9 per cent. of potash and 2 per cent. of phosphoric acid investigators have considered that there is enough potash and phosphoric acid in a bushel of ashes to make it worth 20 to 25 cents. Besides that, some, 10 or 15 cents additional might be allowed for the alkali power of the ashes to rot weeds and to ferment peat. The potash content of ashes will be lost if they are permitted to leach, and care should be taken to store them in a dry place.

Wood ashes may be profitably applied as a top dressing to grass land and to pastures, where they will encourage the growth of clover and the better kinds of grass, which will then crowd out inferior kinds of weeds. Wood ashes may also be used for corn and roots. Because of their Ilme content they are not so good for potatoes, although sometimes used for the Bible shows how the world pro-

The Bible shows how the world progresses. It begins with a garden, but ends with a holy city.-Phillips



Table linen should be mended acording to the weave of the cloth. The strips left over after evening off the cloth should be laid away for this purpose, since the threads raveled from these strips are the very thing for strengthening weak places in old tablecloths. When they have gone beyond this remedy, they can be cut up into tray cloths, carver's cloths, fruit napkins, or bibs. The French method of hemming by folding the hem backward and stiching over and over is the best to employ. It is easier to do than plain hemming, and when nicely done it is almost invisible.

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When froning linens, they should be damp, and pressed with a hot fron till quite dry. In putting away table or bed linen not in constant use, it should be wrapped fin dark blue paper to prevent its turning yellow. This applies to all white goods which is likely to turn yellow when laid away.

Linens are worn so much this season that a word in regard to their care is timely. Colored linen should be washed carefully with white soap, and if there is fear of its losing its original color, allow a large lump of alum to dissolve in the rinsing water, then hang to dry in a shady place.

then hang to dry in a shady place. The addition of gumarabic water to the starch gives a desirable dressing without the undue stiffness which starch alone would give.



Oh! Such Pain! dissy—draggeddown With dull headache,

backache - racking with pain here or there - poor woman, she's one of many. On those days each month, when in other circumstances she would go to bed,

she must still be at the desk or counter, or struggle through the day as best she may with her housework or her family cares. Usually she who feels those dragging-down or dizzy symptoms, and other pains caused by womanly disease, can be cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures the cause of these pains. Faded, jaded, tired, overworked, weak, nervous, delicate women are helped to strength and health by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. In liquid or tablets. CHATHAM, ONT. "Being a nurse I have had occasion to use 'Favorite Prescription' quite a occasion to use "Favorite Prescription" quite a lot. I recommend it to my patients and it has been a wonderful help to many of them. I never knew of a case where it failed. I have a patient who is using it now and is doing fine. I have taken it myself and got the very best results. I consider it the best medicine there is for women who are ailing. "Mas. Entre Moore, so Degree Street.

Passed by Sentry.

A colonel of a colored regiment coming in about 10.30 was duly challenged by the sentry, and responded: "Colonel -, officer of the camp." The sentry tried his best to pierce the darkness, gave it up, and finally said: "Look 'ah, man, yo-all ah de foth man what's done tried to make me think he's Cunnel ——. Go way wid dat stuff."

The colonel pretty warmly reaffirmed that he was Colonel — and de-manded immediate admission. The guard, unabashed, told him to step up so that he could see him. The colonel valked up to him in a rage, and y can imagine his consternation when the sentry took hold of the silver eagle on his shoulder, looked up at him with a grin on his face and said: "Oh, Lawsy! 'Tis de old bird, ain't t?"-The Bayonet.

Electric Cars in Africa.

Electric cars are becoming popular in South Africa, for the reas electricity is quite reasonable in price and the generating stations in the larger cities, such as Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and East ondon, are making special efforts and offering special rates to encourage the use of electrics. The post office in Johannesburg is using ten trucks in the handling of mail matter with satisfactory results. Heretofore the de-mand for electrics has been rather small: but the new conditions that have arisen are livening up the business, the supply will be increased, and it is predicted, the prices will be lowered accordingly.

Why He Doesn't Listen.

"This is the fourth morning you've been late, Dufus," said the man to his colored chauffeur. "Yes, sah," replied Rufus. "I did ovah sleep myself, sah."
"Where's that clock I gave you?"

"In my room, sah.

"Don't you wind it up?"

"Oh, yes sah, I winds it up. sah."

"And do you set the alarm?" "Ev'ry night, sah, I set de alarm,

"But don't you hear the alarm in the morning, Rufus?" Dere's de trouble, sah. "No, sah. Dere's de trouble, sah. Ye see, de blame thing goes off while I'm asleep, sah."—Yonkers Statesman.

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Hostilities Are at an End.

Jane had broken her second doll that morning, and mother, very much provoked, was putting the careless baby through the third degree when from the depths of the apron in which the gweaty face was burfed to nie the words: "Mother, did you know the WEE WES OVERT"

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