PROOF OF THE GENUINENESS OF THE BIBLE.

The Christian may rest in perfect as surance, and on evidence of the highest and most incontestable character, that the books of the bible which claim to be the inspired revelation of God to man, are the genuine writings of the men whose names they bear, says the Christian Work. No ancient writings have one-quarter of the proof which the manuscripts of the holy scriptures can claim. The writings, for instance, of Herodotus have been found in less than 20 manuscript copies in various ancient libraries, evidently about 800 years old; and yet scholars accept without question their genuineness. But we find no less than 600 manuscript copies of the Greek new testament, and more than twice as many of the Hebrew scriptures-nearly 2,000 in all, and these not 800 years old, but some of them more than 1,600 years old. Those have not been found in one place, or under circumstances which could render it possible for them to have been designedly copied from each other, but some of them are from the vatican, some from Alexandria some from Mount Sinai, some from Syria. Some of these were written in the tenth century, some in the ninth, some in the eighth, some as early as the third and fourth, and some of the Hebrew copies are evidently older than the Christian era.

All these manuscripts substantially agree, although they have never met before, and, it is manifest that they must have been copied from a still more ancient volume. We find also numerous editions of the same old volume in various languages. From Russîa comes a Sclavonic version, 1,000 years old. From Egypt comes a Coptic version, 1,200 years old. From Eth iopia comes an Ethiopic version, 1,300 years old. From Persia comes an Armenian version, over 1,000 years old. From Italy comes the Latin or Vulgate version, 1,400 years old. From Africa comes the Hexapla or Origen 1,500 years old. From Syria comes the Peshito, or Syriac version, 1,800 years old. From Rabbinical libraries there came the Targums or Paraphrases of the bible, still older. From Alexandria comes the old Septuagint or Greek version of the old testament, 285 years older than the Christian era. All these manuscripts substantially agree. The first volume contains the same 39 books written by the same 29 authors. whose lives covered a period of 1,000 years. The second volume contains the same 27 books written by the same 10 men. The variations between the different copies are so slight as not to affect any essential fact or doctrine. Who can doubt that these ancient writings are what they claim to be the veritable writings of Moses and David, Isaiah and Ezra, Paul and John, Matthew and Peter?

But, it may be asked, are there any reference to these sacred books in the writings of ancient authors? Bid the early writers of the Christian age know of their existence? Certainly In the first century we find Clement and Ignatius; in the second, Justin Martyr and Iranaeus; in the third Origen, Tertullian and Cyprian, in the fourth, Gregory, Cyril, Jerome Chrysostom and Augustine; nearly 200 differet writers whose works are still extant, who not only constantly refer to the holy scriptures as we now have them, as known and received in their day, and who quote so fully from these pages that, were every bible in the world destroyed, it is claimed that that the whole bible would be substantially seproduced from their writings. These men themselves fully believed in the scriptures, and they tell us that they were received in all lands and read in almost every tongue. Not only so, but the very enemies of Christianity who wrote in that age never dis puted the genuineness of these writ ings and the great facts they record, even while they refused to accept the doctrines they contained.

It is easy to see in the face of these facts, that the statements of these writers must be accepted as credible and authentic, as they would not have been thus received in their own age by the men who had such abundant opportunities of detecting and exposing them, if they were false. Luke and Paul would not have dared to proclaim in Jerusalem, Athens; and Rome in the face of millions, statements, of fact that were known to be false without someone denying or questioning them. Paul tells us that there were 500 witnesses of Christ's resurrection alive when he wrote to the Corinthians, and it is simply incredible that thousands and tens of thousands, living in the very age when these things occurred, and with ample opportunities of verifying them, should not only only accept them, but stake their lives fortunes, and 'eternal destiny upon them, unless they knew them to be true. We may surely believe, whatever we think of himself or his teachings, that there was such a person as Christ, that he really lived, wrought miracles, uttered the words attributed to him, died, rose from the dead, com missioned his apostles, ascended to heaven in their sight; that these apostles went forth and preached the at The 2 T's

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DOCTORS CONDEMN TRAILING SKIRTS.

The physicians of Europe have banded together against the trailing skirts. During the scientific congress held in Rome last week the delegates from the various countries of Europe came to the conclusion that long skirts are

eminently dangerous to health.

Dr. Philip Casagrandi demonstrated in a most original and impressive fashion the inconveniences and the sanitary perils of this garment. He sent into the streets a number of ladies carrying trailing skirts, with instrucions to walk about for an hour.

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The physicians determined that the germs of influenza, consumption and typhoid fever are the least of the evils which careless mothers, after an hour's promenade, bring home to the cradies of their children.

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of Vienna, Austria.

The Orangemen's celebration will undoubtedly prove one of the best from a ousiness standpoint Chatham has ever secured, and the assistance asked by the local mittee-the privilege of erecting a fcw ooths on Tecumseh Park-is very trifling, indeed. It is to be hoped the citizens generally will in every way possible show their appreciation of the work of the local brethern by doing what they can to make the day a success.

A FORMER PLANET EDITOR GETS AN IMPORTANT APPOINT-MENT

Nelson Economist. Mr. R. E. Gosnell has been appointed secretary to Premier Dunsmuir. Mr. Gosnell, by reason of his intimate knowledge of the resources of British Columbia and his literary inclinations, is well qualified to fill any office within the gift of the Government, and his appointment as secretary to the Premier is a matter for congratulation, not only to the gentleman him-self, but also to Mr. Dunsmuir.

BOTHWELL.

July 10 .- Wm. McGaffy, of Highgate, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Dexter Galloway, of Sarnia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Galloway, of this town.

Miss D. Galloway, of Detrcit, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

marched to the Presbyterian church on Sunday where F.ev J. J. Brown, B. A., preached them a very interesting sermon.

The Orangemen marched to the Baptist nurch where the Rev. G.H. Brown preached them a good sermon. a
Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, of the Methodist church, and Rev. J. J. Brown, of the Presbyterian church, changed pulpits on

unday evening last.
Fred and James Martin, of Thamesville, were in town on Sunday.

Sydney Cook, of London, is in town. He Bothwell's ex-pitcher of the baseball

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Plain Talk to Club Women

Mrs. Josephine Woodward, who is on the staff of a Cincinnati paper, was invited to make an address before the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs recently. Her subject was: "Women's Clubs from a Reporter's Point of View," and she told the club women some things that must have astonished them. Among other things Mrs. Woodward said:

"Once a long time before cinh women had taught me how to lie cheerfully and glibly, I undertook to give in print a true report of some club proceeding or other. I have never tried it since. The truth crushed to earth that day now rises for the first time. Since that tragic day when I was led from the path of truth and duty by a club woman, I have made it a practice in reporting club proceedings to simply find out what the president of the club or the chairman of the department would like to have said, and then say it. It simplifies matters

immensely. "The club reporter is apt to incline to the belief that women's clubs take themselves too seriously. The difference between women's clubs and men's clubs is that men's clubs were never intended to be serious, but have always been taken seriously by women, while women's clubs are serious, but have never been taken seriously by men. Most women's club meetings are like most American dinners and afternoon teas and other set pieces of our social system-absolutely lacking in a certain quality of gay, good-humored daring, and full of a conventionism that is both material and dull. You find chairmen of departments of sociology and municipal government presiding as if they were serving little

cakes and weak tea. "But whether I have been able to discover women happier, honester or more content, or better cooks or more agreeable companions to their families and friends, I will concede that I have watched the evolution of the timid, shrinking woman, who had been snubbed first by her father and brothers, and later by her husband, and have rejoiced to see her spread her wings and soar in the sky of appreciation; and I have watched the evolution of the woman accustomed to the flattery of an over-fond mother and fcolish sisters, and have rejoiced to see her get the dust rubbed off her wing-for it was artificial dust, not the real black and gold and pink. But have not been permitted to tell about

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