

Correspondence.

A Worthy Object.

Editor PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR.—I do not know whether we, in this North-West, are as aggressive in the Master's work as we ought to be, yet I am reminded by the condition of affairs, somewhat, of the incident told by evangelists of a sleeping church and no devils around it—they were not needed there—whilst the wide awake aggressive one across the way had an innumerable number of little active devils flying all around seeking to destroy the work of the church.

If this were always true we must be aggressive in this country, for we are pestered with an influx of pamphlets and booklets, teaching Millennial Dawnism, Seventh Day Adventism and a good many other isms just as hurtful. The amount of this kind of literature circulated freely and without charge, betokens an activity and earnestness on the part of these misguided people that ought to shame Christian people.

My object in writing is to ask, do you know of any tracts or small cheap booklets that could be put into circulation, meeting the statements of these theorists and keeping our people in the old sure ways? Something must be done and that at once. I cannot conceive of any person doing greater service to God, than in preparing some such tract that will briefly, kindly and pointedly show the errors of these Dawnists, et al, and magnify the old landmarks of His Word. Trusting you can help me in this, I remain,  
A COUNTRY PASTOR.

A Corpse on a Dissecting Table.

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SIR.—In Hebrews ix. 19, we find that the priest sprinkled the book and all the people with blood, teaching us that God's Book, the Bible, is confirmed to us by the blood of Jesus. To make light of the book or anything contained in it is to make light of the blood of Jesus by which it is sealed. We are to handle the Bible with a holy reverence, not to add anything to it or take away anything from it (Rev. xxii. 18, 19). At our last Assembly at Saratoga I was shocked at the way the Word of God was handled by those called. Like Thomas Paine they searched the Bible to find out and publish difficulties. They handled the Bible as a student would do a corpse in a dissecting room. With their cutting instruments sharpened on the grindstones of Germany, they would cut and carve the Word of God as a student would do a corpse or a farmer a piece of cheese. They would cut and hack at the books of Moses, the Psalms and the prophets. The little that remained untouched they would leave to simple-minded Christians to comfort them in the valley of the shadow of death. Among the parts spared in their amputations was the account of Solomon's ships bringing apes and peacocks after a three years' cruise in visiting some foreign and distant lands. The apes and peacocks remain to this day, and birds with ugly feet delight as much in admiring the beauty of their own tails as some great scholars do in parading their Hebrew, Greek and Latin for the wonder and admiration of all beholders. They could testify to the great advance in Bible study from theology to zoology in 1894. The apostle Paul and the "Fishermen of Galilee" never attained to such high-sounding titles as Ph. D., LL. D. and D. D. as were attached to their names. A famous commentator, to let the world know what a learned man he was, adorned his commentary with stately Hebrew, stilted Greek, and sprawling Arabic. How many readers of simple English were edified by the Arabic I am not able to tell. It proved the thing designed—the vast learning of the commentator. Whether his proof that the serpent that beguiled Eve was an ape is not quite so clear. His imitators are careful to inform us that they have visited Germany and got a new inspiration in the land of the great poet that did not believe the Bible. They had seen clouds of tobacco smoke. With wonderment they sat at the feet of professors of theology that at German banquets had carried roasted turkey so long that they could

teach Scotch, English and American students how in the most approved fashion to cut and carve the Word of God. With a bagful of human opinions—the opinions of Astruc, Eichhorn, Rosenmuller, Michaelis, etc., etc., they have returned to take the pay of the church in bewildering students with learned opinions, in leading them into what John Bunyan calls "Doubting Castle." Our great concern is not what learned men think or say, but what God has revealed—what God declares. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, etc.—That no flesh should glory in His presence."  
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