

The choice is defined as between the authority of the Critics and that of Christ and of the Apostles. The elements in the composition of Scripture are two: Divine and Human; and the witnesses of Inspiration are likewise two: the Saints and the Scriptures.

The volume is simple enough for all students to read, but chiefly it will be the cause of heart-searchings among more advanced Arts and Theological Men.

In an Appendix invaluable advice on personal Bible study is given.

W. J. P.

**The Apocalypse Expounded**, by A. H. BURTON, B.A., M.D. Advent Witness Office. 1932. 3s. 6d.

To whatever schools of interpretation the reader may belong, Dr. Burton's exposition will be of interest. Of all the shorter books on the message of "the Revelation," it is the most readable and easiest to handle.

There is no waste of space or mere "padding." Dr. Burton aims at a concise statement of what he believes is the meaning of each section. His interpretation is based almost entirely on the "Futurist" view, which he consistently applies throughout. Perhaps the only legitimate criticism is that it might have been well to have summarised briefly at the appropriate places the views of the "Historicists," so that the reader could weigh for himself the pros and the cons. Dr. Burton obviously does not concede that there can be any doubt as to the futurity of the main events foretold from Chapter III onwards.

We would recommend the book to those who have not yet made a special study of the book of The Revelation, to whom it will prove a most valuable introduction.

D. J.

Also received:

**New Light on the Virgin Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ**, by F. W. PITT, A.T.P.M., 70 Denison House, S.W. 1. Sixth Edition. 7d. (post free).

**A Never-to-be-forgotten Christmas Eve.**—No. 16 of the W. S. M. U. Series. Invaluable for slipping in letters.

We would also recommend: "**The New Knowledge about the Old Testament**," by SIR CHARLES MARSTON, F.S.A. Eyre and Spottiswoode. 5s. A most illuminating book for the ordinary reader.

## *The British Universities*

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**CAMBRIDGE. C.W.I.C.C.U.** We praise God for the continuing spirit of keenness and fellowship, and for the results of special campaigns. Many are interested. Please pray for more confidence in our witness and for the Freshers' Squashes, also for our Bible Readings and Missionary and Bible Study Circles.

**CARDIFF.** We have had a quiet Term's work, since the activities of all societies are barred by the authorities for the last, short, term of the session. One prayer meeting was, however, maintained and proved a means of blessing to us all. A few, who join us from time to time, come because they cannot get fellowship in prayer elsewhere, but refrain from whole-hearted participation of effort with us as we are "too narrow". We seek special prayer for them. We praise God for a blessed time while at Camp together and for a real movement of the Holy Spirit amongst us, making us conscious of our need of His Power and the vanity of certain things in our own lives.

**DUBLIN.** Two well-attended general meetings were held. The attendance at D. P. M's. was better than usual for the past few years, and included several new supporters.

We greatly valued the prayers of other Unions for our week-end house party at Whitsun, when many came into a fuller experience of Christ, while one at least found Him for the first time as a personal Saviour.

**DURHAM.** No special meetings were held during the Summer Term; but the D. P. M's., the weekly Bible Readings and the terminal Communion Service were continued. Open-Air meetings were held every Sunday night and at these several of the townspeople professed conversion. During the long vacation, several members of the Union are making an "Evangelistic Trek" through the North of England.

**EDINBURGH.** Praise God for the steadfast faith and witness of those converted in the Spring term and for their rapid growth in grace.

Praise Him for more converts in the Summer term and for blessing upon the Ward Services.

Praise God for the Women's Camp during the May week-end and for much blessing received there.

Praise God for the Men's evangelistic campaign at Lauder, when not only were ten or twelve souls born again to glorify His name, but never-to-be-forgotten lessons were learned of the power of prayer.

"Sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously."

**EXETER.** An evening of preparation, April 23rd, resulted in: (i). A practical experience of the indwelling and entire control of the Holy Spirit. (ii). A keen desire to witness and win souls for Christ.

Result of term's work: (i). Great individual growth from Prayer Meetings and Study Circles on Romans. (ii). Witness faithfully borne because it was "not I, but Christ." (iii). A public signed testimony to the possibility of experiencing the Living Lord Jesus in college life.

**HULL.** Besides the usual Bible Readings and Prayer Meetings, we have had two squashes in Mr. Hodge's drawing-room and one for women only, led by Miss J. Strain, held in Dr. Hislop's drawing-room. The primary aim of these has been to help Christians and all those who have shown an interest in previous squashes. From what we know, these squashes have in no small measure achieved the desired end.

We are abundantly thankful to God for the first real start and progress this year, and we are looking forward to our Freshers' squash on Wednesday, October 11th, to be conducted by the Rev. T. C. Hammond.

**LEEDS.** This term has been one of great spiritual advance amongst our members, as a direct result of High Leigh. A new and remarkable spirit of Fellowship, commencing with the pre-terminal conference, has prevailed. Our activities have included the usual weekly meetings and prayer meetings, rambles, Sunday services in churches, and a week-end camp in Derbyshire, when an open-air service was held in Dovedale—members from Manchester E. U. joining with us.

Our new officers for 1933-34 are all keen and enthusiastic, and we hope for greater successes next session.

**LIVERPOOL.** In this last term, we had a very helpful message from Mr. Hudson Pope and four Bible Talks from a student. Mr. Sheath (of the C.S.S.M.) was the guest speaker at our Tennis Tournament, and gave a simple talk on all Christ meant to him.

We have sent a letter and a copy of the "*Pull of the Unseen*" to each person leaving the Varsity and would value your prayers for these. We praise God for an increased spirit of prayer and pray that it will continue to grow.

**LONDON.** The Summer term, for members of the L.I.F.C.U., has mainly been a time of preparation for the special evangelistic campaign which is planned for the Winter. Especially we praise God for a General Meeting, held during May, when Mr. George Ingram spoke on the "Fulness of the Holy Spirit."

While the term has been mainly one of preparation, however, yet at the same time we praise God for real advances made. God has raised up a witness to Himself in several colleges untouched before. In this connection, we do need prayer for some of the Women's Training Colleges, where there is at present great opposition to the work.

There has been an increased prayer interest in the work overseas, an interest which was shown in a very fine Missionary Prayer meeting led by Capt. Godfrey Buxton at the end of the term.

May we especially ask for Prayer for the Mission which is to be held in London from October 30th to November 3rd, that God will greatly use it to bring men and women to Himself.

**NEWCASTLE.** We praise God for the Daily Prayer Meetings which have been held during the past term.

A Squash led by the Rev. J. R. S. Wilson, of Edinburgh, resulted in three conversions.

Please pray for Divine strengthening for next term, as it seems at the moment that our numbers will be very small indeed.

**OXFORD.** Last term was comparatively uneventful, but we can praise God for one or two conversions during the term and for better Open Airs than last year. Also about ten of our members spent the last week-end of term with a similar number of other undergraduates who were interested and several Oxford Evangelical Clergy. During this time, God was very near to all and gave most of us a new vision of Himself and brought several to the point of receiving Christ.

We need prayer for the Freshers next term; for a deepening of Missionary interest; for a mission (from November 3-7), probably to be conducted by the Rev. Stephen Neill; and for a deepening of the sense of individual responsibility in each member.

**READING.** The E.U. Week-end, an entirely new venture which we held at the beginning of the Summer Term, was richly blessed, both in the strengthening of our own members and in the increased interest shown throughout the University. We especially thank God for interest among the men, which was followed up by a visit of a party of men from the Missionary Training Colony.

We would especially ask for prayer for another visit of Capt. Godfrey Buxton and a party from the Missionary Training Colony to address Squashes in the Halls, for freshers, on October 15th, and for the follow-up work, and also for a second E.U. Week-end we are intending to hold at the beginning of the Easter Term.

This term we have lost some really keen members who have gone down; and, while we thank God for what they have done, we pray for an even stronger membership next year.

**SHEFFIELD.** We do praise our Heavenly Father for two factors consolidating our position as a Varsity Union during the Summer Term: (i). The acceptance and inclusion in the University magazine of a short notice pointing

out our existence and stating our aims—this served as an official recognition in the Varsity. (ii). The granting to us of a room for our own use as a Union, which will be furnished ready for this session.

We thank all those who have backed us up by Prayer; for we see the hand of our Guide in the smooth and unobstructed way these things have been done.

We had five weekly meetings last term—four with outside speakers. In three of the meetings, we had a Spirit-led search into the epistle to the Hebrews.

Our numbers are small, but we know of freshers coming up.

"He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

**SOUTHAMPTON.** We praise God for splendid meetings during the visit of Mr. K. Hooker and Miss Strain, and for the success of one arranged especially for going down students.

Our Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies have been exceptionally helpful.

Please pray for the Freshers' Squash for next session, to be held on October 6th.

## *Overseas Universities*

Members of the Fellowship who attended the last Inter-Varsity Conference will remember the delegates from Norway (Mr. Pedersen) and from Germany (Herr O. Prange). Below we print messages from them both.

"At the very excellent conference I had the honour to attend at High Leigh, I promised to send your Magazine some lines concerning the work of our Unions here in Norway.

We have in our country only one University in the capital, Oslo, although we have some High Schools in this and other towns. Although our University in thirty years has had two theological Faculties, one conservative and one liberal, we have had only one Christian Union.

In March, 1924, however, another Christian Union was founded. It consisted of students at the Royal Fredriks University and the conservative theological Faculty in Oslo. The reason for taking this difficult and responsible step in founding a new Christian Union was that an increasing number of students with a positive Christian fundamentalist outlook had not been able to find their true spiritual home in the other organization. Also, it had proved to be very difficult to alter the tenets of this Union, which, after the Great War, had been more and more influenced by German liberal theology. As time went on, the two different elements in the Union felt it more and more difficult to work together.

At the meetings which had been held since 1921 by the "Conservatives," the Gospel was preached in all its purity. As these meetings were growing stronger and stronger, it was only a question of time when things would come to a head and a breach would be the result. This happened in 1924, when an ultra-liberal President was chosen.

Now they were able to preach the Gospel and lay stress on soul winning. "The Union builds on the positive basis of salvation, as it has been laid down by Jesus Christ our Lord, and on His Atonement for our sins and His Resurrection for our justification, as it is expressed in the Holy Scriptures and the Apostolic doctrine. The object of the Union is to strengthen and deepen the spiritual life of Christian students and to win others for Christ."