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Though many of you who have subscribed to our DEAN BURGON NEWS have written us and asked us if we had DROPPED your subscription (since the last edition of our paper was No. 23 for May, June, July, 1981), we had to tell you that for various reasons we had not been able to get out an issue since No. 23 of July, 1981. We are now very happy to have this NEW ISSUE out covering the missing year, August, 1981 — August, 1982, and trust that you will find it informative, meaningful, and helpful, and that you will also RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION to help us continue to get out issues on a more frequent basis. Please PRAY WITH US about getting out the DBS NEWS on as frequent a basis as the following items make possible: (1) The Editor must have the TIME to get out the issue. (2) There must be FUNDS available to get out the issue. (3) There must be a DBS Secretary to keep up with the correspondence and address changes and subscription changes between issues. (4) There must be a faithful typesetter who can be depended on to do the job properly and for a reasonable rate. (5) There must be a printer who can also be depended on to do the job properly and at a reasonable rate. (6) There must be time to mail out the printed issues to all our subscribers and DBS members. Quite a number of these six things were lacking at various times since July, 1981, and for this reason

we had to put a HOLD on our DEAN BURGON NEWS. Now, all six items have lined up and are in a "GO" position, hence this issue! We hope you are not disappointed in our efforts. We still hold to the motto, that it's "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER"!! On the other hand, we also believe in the saying that it's "BETTER NEVER LATE"! You figure that one out! It's convenient to have mottos for every eventuality, is it not?

D.B.S. Executive Committee Meets In Philadelphia, July 28-29, 1982

Prospects look good for a good turn-out of our present 14 members of the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE plus 4 or 5 prospective NEW MEMBERS of that Committee, when they meet at the BEST WESTERN PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT MOTOR INN on Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29, 1982. We will hold elections of officers and Executive Committee Members on that occasion, and any changes and/or additions in the Committee will be announced in our next DBS NEWS. Here is the schedule for the meeting:

WEDNESDAY, July 28th

**Lunch — 12:00 noon at the Best Western
Restaurant**

First Meeting — 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner — 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Leave for Faith Baptist Church, Fairless Hills,
PA — 6:00 p.m. (Arrive at 7:00 p.m.)**

**Evening Meeting — 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Pastor
Paul C. Fedena's Faith Baptist Church,
Fairless Hills, PA. All are invited to this
open, public meeting. Some of the Execu-
tive Committee will be saying a few
words of greeting, and Dr. David Otis
Fuller will be preaching.**

Return to Motel — 9:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Breakfast — 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Final Meeting — 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Lunch — 12:00 noon

Leave for Home — 1:00 p.m.

Please pray for our DBS EXECUTIVE
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THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY, INC. proudly takes its name in honor of Rev. John William Burgon (1813-1888), the Dean of Chichester in England, whose tireless and accurate scholarship and contribution in the area of New Testament Textual Criticism; whose defense of the Traditional Greek New Testament Text against its many enemies; and whose firm belief in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible, we believe, have all been unsurpassed either before or since his time!

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Your Gifts For These Books and Materials Help the D.B.S. Financially

Since our last DBS NEWS No. 23, there have been a number of additional books and materials which are "IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS" which you might not presently have in your library. In addition, there are materials we have offered before, but are still available. It might help to spell out the features of each briefly, and give the details, at least in brief:

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Scriptural Answers To Some Common Criticisms of the Received Text

E. W. Fowler

(continued from May, June, July, 1981)

Matthew 6:13 in the King James Version and the Received Text contains a doxology reading. "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." This clause is omitted from the other Greek texts and from seven of the nine English Versions previously listed. The two which do not omit, but put it in single brackets are the New American Standard Bible and the New Berkeley Version. The New Scofield does not omit it but a footnote refers to its not appearing in the oldest and best Greek manuscripts, showing the editors false view of the manuscript evidence. The footnote finds no fault with the ideas recorded, recognizing that our Lord could have taken it from 1 Chronicles 29:11 in which most of the words of this doxology can be found.

Luke 16:9 reads in the King James Version and in the Received Text, "And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." In the New Scofield, it reads in the third clause, "that when it fails." This is the reading in the other Greek texts and in eight of the nine English versions previously listed. The one version that reads, "ye fail" is Moffatt's New Translation.

The commentaries that I have read interpret the last clause of the verse "they may receive you into everlasting habitations" as relating to being received into heaven. This is true whether they prefer "it fails" referring to the money failing, or "ye fail" referring to the end of this life. This interpretation is in accord with 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad."

The use of the word, fail, in referring to passing from this life is found in Ecclesiastes 12:5 where we read, "and desire shall fail, because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets." I do not know of any Scriptural use of the failure of a Christian's money source as a way of expressing his passing from this life, as those seem to do who say "it fails" is the correct reading in Luke 16:9.

The last clause of John 5:3 and all of

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verse 4 as found in the King James Version and the Received Text read, "waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water; whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had." This portion is omitted from the other Greek texts and from seven of the nine English versions previously listed. The two which do not omit this portion are the New

Berkeley Version and Weymouth's Modern Speech New Testament. The New Scofield does not omit this portion but states that it is not contained in the oldest and best manuscripts, showing the editor's false view of the manuscript evidence.

Without this portion there is no explanation of the statement of the impotent man in verse seven about his needing to be put into the pool the first after troubling of the water. Commentaries touching on these verses recognize this need for this portion, but some question it as of doubtful validity because of the nature of the miracle involved.

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The Holy Scriptures record a wide variety of miracles, performed in many different ways. God is free to do a miracle in any way He pleases. Isaiah 55:8 applies here, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD." Also Psalm 19:7 "The law of the LORD is perfect" and Psalm 18:30 "As for God His way is perfect" and Deuteronomy 32:4 "His work is perfect." So then how can God's Holy Word be anything else but perfect as He gave it. He certainly did not give us John 5 in a form that would need man's addition to have it make sense.

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