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What a meeting it was! We met in MAINE, in the CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Warren, Maine, to be more specific. Pastor Don Champeon and his people were most cordial to us all. We all went away enthusiastic about the cause which binds us together, "IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS." We met many NEW PEOPLE, and enjoyed renewing our fellowship with so many former friends as well. It was a time for both men and women, and even children. The women had a meeting while the DBS Executive Committee was meeting on the first day.

Lobster Dinner

One of the things you missed, if you were not able to be with us, was the superb LOBSTER DINNER which was served by the host church. They had everything needed for LOBSTER LOVERS everywhere, including the bibs to avoid any splatters from the person next to you. It was certainly a learning experience as the people new to lobster eating watched to see what the old-timers did. The room was full. Originally, Pastor Champeon had intended for the lobster dinner to be for the DBS Executive Committee and their wives, but the announcement was made, inadvertently, that the dinner was for all who wished to attend. So they got a few more lobsters, and we all enjoyed the din-

ner--a real event! Thank you, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, for your cordial reception of our 12th ANNUAL MEETING of the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY!!

'90 Audio/Video

As announced in our last DBS NEWS, both the VIDEO and AUDIO recordings of the 1990 DEAN BURGON MEETINGS are available. The AUDIO CASSETTES are available in a complete set of 6 CASSETTES for a GIFT to DBS of \$18.00. Order them as #1850/1-6. The VIDEO CASSETTES are also available in a complete set of 2 VIDEO CASSETTES for a GIFT to DBS of \$25.00. Order them as #1850/V1-2.

Message Titles

If you want to order the AUDIO CASSETTES separately, they are for a GIFT to DBS of \$4.00 each or 2/\$7.50. Titles include the following: #1850/1--"WHY CHURCHES SHOULD SUPPORT THE DBS" by Pastor Don Champeon and "DR. HILLS' VIEW OF THE KJB" by Pastor Bob Barnett. #1850/2--"THE HERESIES OF WESTCOTT AND HORT" by Dr. James Sightler, M.D. and "TESTIMONIES ON THE KJB" by Pastors Reno, Doom, and Nanni. These testimonies were very informative this year. #1850/3--"QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON THE KJB" by various speakers, and "THE DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION" by Dr. M. James Hollowood. #1850/4--"TEXTUAL CRITICISM AND PREACHING" by

Pastor Denis Gibson, and "QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON THE KJB" by various speakers. #1850/5--"I WALK BY FAITH WITH MY KJB" by Pastor Bob Steward, and "10 REASONS WHY THE DBS DESERVES ITS NAME" by Dr. D. A. Waite. #1850/6--"HOW 'YE' AND 'THEE' HELP ME--THOSE PESKY THEE'S AND THOU'S" by Yvonne S. Waite; DEVOTIONS by Mrs. Barnett; and a Testimony by Mrs. M. James Hollowood. Why not ATTEND THE 1990 MEETINGS OF DBS by means of the AUDIO and/or VIDEO CASSETTES!!

'91 In Freeport, IL

The 13th ANNUAL DEAN BURGON SOCIETY MEETING will be at CEDARVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 3778 South Baileyville Road, Freeport, Illinois 61032. Phone: 815-235-7558. Pastor J. David Hollowood is the host Pastor who has invited us. We are most grateful for their kind invitation, and we look forward to coming. The dates are Wednesday and Thursday, May 22-23, 1991. Pastor Hollowood is a member of our Dean Burgon Executive Committee as is Mr. I. Eugene Runte, one of the officers in the church.

Planning Program

Once again this year, one of our DBS Vice Presidents, Pastor Bob Steward, is in the process of lining up our program, speakers, and topics. It should be a most interesting meeting indeed! You won't want to miss it. Plan NOW!

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!

Author To Speak

One of the speakers we have arranged to speak to us is Rev. Jack Moorman, author of five detailed studies defending the King James Bible and its underlying Masoretic Hebrew text and Textus Receptus Greek text. He is a member of our DBS Executive Committee. I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Moorman for the first time a few months ago when he stayed with us overnight. After conversing with him for several hours, we decided to make a tape recording of our interview. This is available for a GIFT to DBS of \$7.50. There are two Cassettes, lasting three and one half hours. It is #1878/1-2. The title is: "WHY WE DEFEND THE KING JAMES BIBLE AND TEXTUS RECEPTUS--AN INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR JACK MOORMAN." There are many things discussed concerning his missionary work in South Africa and in England as well as some of the themes he has written about in his books. We have asked him to speak two times to us, since he will not be able to be with us on a regular basis, and because of his many writings for our cause.

Moorman's Books

We urge EVERY READER, whether you are FOR our DBS position "IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS" or AGAINST it, to get a copy of each and every one of Pastor Moorman's books and read them diligently! He has done an excellent job. He is a most careful student on this theme. Here are the five titles which are available from the DBS: (1) "FOREVER SETTLED--BIBLE DOCUMENTS & HISTORY SURVEY" (#1428, 217 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$21.00. (2) "WHEN THE T.R. DEPARTS FROM THE SO-CALLED 'MAJORITY TEXT'--THE HODGES/FARSTAD 'MAJORITY' TEXT REFUTED BY EVIDENCE" (#1617, 160 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$16.00. (3) "MISSING IN MODERN BIBLES--NESTLE-ALAND & NIV ERRORS REFUTED" (#1726, 83 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$8.00. (4) "CONIES, BRASS, AND EASTER--KING JAMES BIBLE

PROBLEM WORDS ANSWERED" (#1737, 53 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$5.00. (5) "EARLY MANUSCRIPTS AND THE AUTHORISED VERSION--A CLOSER LOOK" (#1825, 157 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$15.00. You'll find a super-abundance of DETAIL and MANUSCRIPT CITATIONS in many of these books that do not appear in any other source!

College Textbook

We are pleased to announce that one of Pastor Moorman's books, FOREVER SETTLED--BIBLE DOCUMENTS & HISTORY SURVEY [(#1428, 217 lg.pp) for a GIFT to DBS of \$21.00], is being used presently in the TABERNACLE BAPTIST COLLEGE in Greenville, South Carolina. The course is being taught by Dr. James Sightler, M.D., who was one of our featured speakers at our last DEAN BURGON SOCIETY meeting in Warren, Maine. See page one for the title of his message, and how to get a copy of the tape. The class meets in the TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH in Greenville, SC, where Dr. Harold Sightler is Pastor. James Sightler is the Pastor's son. I was talking with Dr. Sightler last summer about a suitable textbook for his course on the history of Bible manuscripts and texts. He tried several selections, but was not pleased with them. Finally, I suggested Pastor Moorman's book, FOREVER SETTLED, and he thought it was great! We sent him enough copies for his class.

Taped Classes

Through the kindness of Dr. Sightler, his class in Bible Texts and Translations is being taped. He promised me that he would send the taped series to me as soon as he completed the course. We look forward with anticipation to listen to this course, as well as to make it available to any who might like to order it. We'll mention more about this later.

New Book

In our interview, I asked Brother Moorman if he were working on

any new books at the present while in this country. He said he wasn't, but I mentioned to him that Dr. Sightler would like to print up his FOREVER SETTLED book in regular book format so he could continue to use it as a textbook. Brother Moorman said he would like this very much. He also said he would like to combine some of the essential portions of his other four books into this one volume to make it even more useful to the students. He has been in touch with Dr. Sightler, and these are the plans. Rev. Moorman hopes he can complete this work before returning to the mission field in England. Please pray for this important project. We are overjoyed about this development!

Greenville Radio

The DBS is sponsoring a 30-minute program each week over radio station WTBI, in Pickens, SC, which is close to Greenville, SC. The station is operated out of the TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH where Dr. Harold Sightler is pastor, and where Dr. James Sightler teaches this class. The broadcast is "IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS" and endeavors to awaken the listeners to the beauties, accuracy, and dependability of our KING JAMES BIBLE. Dr. Sightler told me the station is hoping to increase the power and outreach in the near future so that it can be heard even more clearly throughout the city of Greenville, SC, where, as you know, the Bob Jones University is located. We would certainly like to have the students there listen to the broadcast, and become more acquainted with our DBS position on the Word of God. Pray for these broadcasts.

AV-1611 In Print

Nelson publishers have finally brought the AUTHORISED VERSION--1611 BIBLE back in print. We have been trying to urge them to bring this back when it went out of print several years ago, and at last this has come to pass! If you want a

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copy, you may get it by writing to the DBS for it. It is #1102 and is yours for a GIFT to DBS of \$32.00. It is a page by page reprint of the original 1611 edition of the KING JAMES BIBLE, including the footnotes, and marginal notes on a page by page basis. I have examined this book and compared it with my copy of the original AUTHORISED VERSION--1611 obtained from the Library of Congress a few years ago. The only difference between the original 1611 and Nelson's reprint of it is the style of the type. The original is in what we call German script (very difficult to read until you learn the different shapes of some of the letters). Nelson's reprint is in our regular Roman script that we use today.

Spanish Bible

We are pleased to announce that the newly formed GLOBAL BIBLE SOCIETY with headquarters in Asheville, North Carolina, is taking on the project of REVISING THE SPANISH BIBLE. The goal is to bring it in line with the Masoretic Hebrew Text of the Old Testament and the Received Greek Text of the New Testament. This would make it a trustworthy Spanish equivalent of the English King James Bible. The revision will be done as publicly as possible. The coordination of the project will be handled by Pastor J. Paul Reno, 1625 Woodcrest Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Please send any input or information to him.

Spanish Changes

As many of our readers no doubt know already, the Spanish Bible has its problems when it comes to being conformed to the original language texts in every particular. In the New Testament especially does it need REVISION. Yet that revision should not be in the direction of the erroneous Westcott and Hort Greek text as exhibited by the Nestle-Aland 26th Edition Greek New Testament. Nor should it be in the direction of the erroneous so-called 'Majority Greek Text' as exhibited in Nelson's 1982 or 1985

editions of that text. Rather, it is to be conformed to the Textus Receptus that underlies the King James Bible. This is exactly what the GLOBAL BIBLE SOCIETY is attempting to do. As one who speaks Spanish, I long to see this accomplished.

Help Pastor Reno

I hope all our readers will help Pastor Reno in this endeavor. He is a trustworthy, diligent, thorough, faithful man of God. I have known him ever since I taught with his father, Rev. John Reno, at Cedarville College during 1953-54. His dad was a man of God who had some starch, some courage, and some boldness to speak his mind in the things of God. His son, J. Paul, was just a young man at the time, but has now grown up in his father's footsteps to do the work of God. We are happy to have him as a member of our DEAN BURGON SOCIETY Executive Committee.

Maj. Text Society

In addition to the various differences in methodology and conclusions between the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY and the newly formed MAJORITY TEXT SOCIETY (MTS), our readers should note the VAST difference in theology and doctrine. Quoting from the MTS documents, we read:

"Is the Majority Text Society only for Greek Scholars? No. Our members represent a spectrum of countries, nationalities, THEOLOGICAL CONVICTIONS, educational backgrounds, and skills in the New Testament . . ."

Note further, in the next paragraph:

"How Can I Join The Majority Text Society? . . . THERE ARE NO DOCTRINAL OR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS other than your signed statement that you agree with the Majority Text position, or that you are open to testing it as a viable option. . ."

Judging from their own statements,

therefore, the MTS represents a "SPECTRUM OF . . . THEOLOGICAL CONVICTIONS. Furthermore, THERE ARE NO DOCTRINAL . . . REQUIREMENTS. What does this mean? To me it means that there can be rank apostates and other unbelievers in the MTS, side by side with those who believe the Bible. Their members need share no common doctrine at all, since this is not a requirement for membership. It seems extremely odd that a society whose stated purpose is to restore the New Testament Greek Text to that of the autographs (if possible) could have within its membership (if not one day even dominate or control) those who don't even believe the DOCTRINE of Biblical inerrancy, infallibility, and plenary, verbal inspiration! Members may be fundamentalists or neo-evangelicals, or liberal apostates. They may belong to the National and/or World Councils of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, or not. Where is the safeguard here? Where is the protection of DOCTRINAL PURITY? It is built on an inclusive, ecumenical house of sand!

DBS & Doctrine

By way of contrast, the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY (DBS) has a very STRICT requirement for membership when it comes to "DOCTRINAL" and/or "THEOLOGICAL . . . VIEWPOINTS." In our "ARTICLES OF FAITH, OPERATION & ORGANIZATION," (available by writing to us) we have five pages of DOCTRINE in our "ARTICLES OF FAITH." We preface the specific doctrines held by us all with the following words:

"Acknowledging the Bible to be the inerrant, infallible, plenary and verbally inspired Word of God, among other equally Biblical truths, we believe and maintain the following:"

Then follows our "ARTICLES OF FAITH" which include our commonly held beliefs on (1) the Bible; (2) the Trinity; (3) the Person of Christ; (4) the Birth of Christ;

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(5) the Death of Christ; (6) the Resurrection of Christ; (7) Salvation; (8) Heaven and Hell; (9) Spiritual Unity; (10) the Purity of the Church; (11) Separation; and (12) Creation. We fly our colors high, and have a STANDARD to which only those of STRONG "THEOLOGICAL VIEWPOINTS" and "DOCTRINAL" convictions can find fellowship. We are proud of our convictions, and will not yield to an all-inclusive, ecumenical common denominator of nothingness!

DBS Distinctives

We are a ONE ISSUE SOCIETY. Other than our "DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS," here are a few of our DBS DISTINCTIVES:

(1) "SEPARATION. We believe in obedience to the Biblical commands to separate ourselves unto God and from worldliness, ecclesiastical apostasy, and 'disorderly' brethren. (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 13, 14-15; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Romans 16:17; 2 John 2:9-11).

Here is both PRIMARY as well as SECONDARY separation.

(2) "CREATION. We believe in the Biblical account of the creation of the entire universe, angels, and man; that this account is neither

allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God IN SIX LITERAL SOLAR DAYS without any evolutionary process, either naturalistic or theistic; . . ."

No evolution here; and no day-age theory either! We hold to "SIX LITERAL SOLAR DAYS" of creation.

(3) TONGUES. "We believe that the so-called 'sign gifts' (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) of the Holy Spirit (such as TONGUES, prophecy, knowledge, etc.) CEASED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CANON around 90 or 100 A.D. AND ARE NOT PRESENT TODAY. (1 Corinthians 13:8-12; Hebrews 1:2; 2:3-4).

There is no compromise with the Charismatic/Tongues Movement!

New Group Forms

It is seldom that new groups of fundamentalist, separatist persuasion (such as the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY is) make their way onto the stage of history. Such was the case, however, with a new Baptist group known as the INDEPENDENT BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP. It was formed on Wednesday, October 3, 1990, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Of particular interest to our DEAN BURGON SOCIETY is this new group's doctrinal position

on subjects of the Bible. In their "STATEMENT ON THE KING JAMES VERSION," the I.B.F. stated:

" . . . WE PREFER THE KING JAMES VERSION IN OUR CONFERENCE PREACHING; and we trust our speakers will honor this preference. As our Baptist forefathers, we continue to believe that the KING JAMES VERSION is the Word of God in English."

This is a refreshing statement! In their "STATEMENT ON BIBLE PRESERVATION," the I.B.F. stated:

"We believe God has promised in both the Old and New Testaments to preserve His Words as given to us in the original Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek texts . . . By His Providential care, we believe God has kept His Word pure down thru the ages as He promised, and we reaffirm our belief in what our Baptist forefathers wrote in their London Baptist Confession of 1677 and 1689. It states in part: 'The Old Testament in Hebrew . . . and the New Testament in Greek . . . being IMMEDIATELY INSPIRED BY GOD, AND BY HIS SINGULAR CARE AND PROVIDENCE KEPT PURE IN ALL AGES, are therefore AUTHENTICAL."

We are glad to see the I.B.F. take as good a stand as they did!

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