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The late Dr. E. W. Bullinger

IT is with profound grief that we announce the death, on June 6th, after a brief illness, of Dr. Bullinger, the Editor of this magazine from its commencement nineteen years ago.

Its first number appeared in July, 1894, and its volumes ran from July to June, until the tenth, which comprised eighteen numbers, July, 1903, to December, 1904, so as to make the volume close with the year for convenience of subscribers, and of publishers' arrangements.

It was originally projected as the organ of some prophetic conferences, which were being held in various places at that time. But these were not continued, as the Committee which organized them did not receive adequate financial support, and, with the consent of the three other trustees, by whom *Things to Come* was controlled, Dr. Bullinger assumed the whole responsibility of continuing it.

He has carried it on to the present time, writing a considerable part of each issue, though he would have been the last to forget the support and assistance of his friends and co-workers.

He has thus become endeared to many, not only in the British Isles, but also in the Colonies, in the United States, and on the Continent, who rejoice in the light on Divine Truth which his teaching has brought them.

And he was worthy of such love and regard, for he was a man who desired to love all who love the Lord.

He loved and was beloved, and those who knew him best loved him most.

He was singularly unselfish, and cared nothing for his own reputation, save as it might affect the Trinitarian Bible Society, of which he was the devoted and honoured secretary for over forty-six years.

A certain type of Christians, more jealous for their denominational standards than careful to compare them with the Word of God, frequently attacked him, but he did not trouble to defend himself. He was only concerned lest this hostility should injure the Society. It is a curious phenomenon of the human mind that persons should be found to withdraw their support from a Society, with the avowed and well-established principles of which they are in perfect agreement, because one of its officials, absolutely loyal to those principles, holds independent views on matters which are, or should be, open questions among Christians. Strange logic! But perhaps, one ought not be surprised. It is of the very essence of priestcraft which reigns, not only in the Vatican, but even in the "upper room," to be intolerant of any opinion which runs counter to accepted traditions.

Dr. Bullinger was a man of commanding intellect, and possessed that genius which has been defined as "an infinite capacity for taking pains."

His untiring industry was shown in his life-long

habit of rising between four and five in the morning, and thus he had often done a good day's work when others had scarcely begun theirs.

He carried the affairs of the Trinitarian Bible Society at his fingers' ends, besides conducting this magazine and performing other literary work as well.

Of the latter, *The Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament*, on account of which Archbishop Tait conferred on him the degree of D.D., is his greatest work.

But *Number in Scripture*, *Figures of Speech used in the Bible*, and *The Witness of the Stars* led him into fields where there were few footprints of other labourers.

Perhaps the most interesting and widely-read work of his is one produced when he had reached the age of threescore and ten, *How to enjoy the Bible*, interesting both from the circumstances which gave rise to it (as narrated in the preface) and for the valuable principles of interpretation it unfolds. Many of his other publications were reprints from *Things to Come*.

He was an accomplished musician, and besides composing a large number of hymn tunes, he collected, while in Brittany, several old Breton tunes, which he transcribed from the lips of the peasantry and harmonized. These are used in the churches of the Breton Evangelical mission, a work in which he took the deepest interest.

While abroad for his health in the early part of the present year, he paid a visit to Trémel, the headquarters of that mission, as well as to the Spanish Evangelical Mission at Figueras, another work which was dear to his heart.

Another visit he paid while abroad was to Vilvorde in Belgium, to confer with M. Valat, the secretary of the Belgian Bible Society, in regard to the memorial to William Tyndale. He was greatly disappointed that the response to the appeal for this memorial had not been more successful, and was considering just before his death further efforts for securing its completion.

Dr. Bullinger was a man of one Book—THE BOOK. He lived to interpret it and to promote its circulation throughout the world.

His faithfulness to its absolute authority and its verbal inspiration, constituted him a doughty champion of that cause, on which depend all our confidence in God for the present, and with which are bound up all our hopes for the time to come.

Amid a large gathering of his friends, he was laid to rest in Hampstead Cemetery on the 11th of June there to await the "Upward Call," of which he so often spoke and wrote.

"A prince and a great man has fallen," and we, who, amid the gathering darkness, remain behind, can only say, with bowed heads, "the righteous is taken away from the evil."



THE BRETHREN WRITERS HALL OF FAME

Noted biblical writers on dispensational lines - mostly of the persuasion known to the world as "Plymouth Brethren"

E. W. BULLINGER

BIOGRAPHY

E. W. BULLINGER (1837-1913)

Ethelbert William Bullinger (December 15, 1837 - June 6, 1913) was a Vicar of the Church of England and Biblical scholar.

Born in Canterbury, England, his family traced its lineage back to the noted Swiss reformer Heinrich Bullinger (1504-1557).

He was educated at King's College, London, and gained recognition in the field of Biblical languages. This recognition was world-wide in spite of some sniping from the so-called "Plymouth Brethren" due to his having a different interpretation of the Dispensations to many of them.

He became Secretary to the (British) [Trinitarian Bible Society](#) and rescued it from bankruptcy by his untiring money-raising efforts and extensive travels to promote their aims, including writing the music for some hymns known among the Bretons only by memory! The Bible in the Breton language was also due largely to his efforts and friendship with Pastor LeCoat.

His efforts were appreciated and noted in the Society's History "The Word of God Among All Nations". [See chapter six.](#)

E.W. Bullinger was noted broadly for three works: A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (1877); for his ground-breaking and exhaustive work on Figures of Speech Used in the Bible (1898); and as the primary editor of The Companion Bible (published in 6 parts, beginning in 1909; the entire annotated Bible was published posthumously in 1922). He was also responsible almost single-handed for the magazine "Things To Come" from which many of the articles we have are reproduced.

All three of these works, along with numerous of his books and pamphlets, remain in print (2003). In 1881, four years after the publication of the Lexicon and Concordance, Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury conferred upon Bullinger a Doctor of Divinity degree, citing Bullinger's "eminent service in the Church in the department of Biblical criticism." and "in recognition of his biblical scholarship".

He became a great friend of Sir Robert [Anderson](#) C.B. and was often at his home for a weekend or longer, being known to the household as "Bully" Read a letter from Sir Robert to Bullinger, [here](#). The letter demonstrates and testifies to the grace with which Bullinger could disagree with other interpretations of Holy Scripture. This grace could usefully be copied by some brethren in the faith!

Educated at King's College, London, he was a recognized scholar in the field of biblical languages. The Archbishop of Canterbury granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1881. Bullinger died on June 6, 1913, in London, England, aged Seventy-five. The Companion Bible was completed, post-humously by some devoted friends and followers.



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MEET E. W. BULLINGER

A Tribute

Ethelbert W. Bullinger was born before the Civil War... 1837 to be exact. He died just before World War One, in 1913. E.W. Bullinger was a true scholar, a "rare bird" especially in our day, and scholars

sometimes have a way of making lasting contributions for generations to come. He was a direct descendant of Johann H. Bullinger, the great Swiss Reformer. His ardent Biblical scholarship was matched by his intense devotion to Christ. Like the rest of us, he wasn't always right and he got plenty of flak in his lifetime and even more since his homegoing. We are not "Bullingerites" neither do we "throw out baby with the bath-water." Those who are miss a great deal, for Bullinger's love of the Word produced a wealth of material for which any true student of Scripture can be eternally grateful. His study Bible, **The COMPANION BIBLE** is unequalled as a wealth of helps to Bible understanding. If I could only own one study Bible, it would be this one.

HOW TO ENJOY THE BIBLE is chock-full of keys to Bible understanding; every Believer should have it. His **COMMENTARY ON REVELATION** is written from a dispensational viewpoint and makes more sense than 50 other commentaries that are not. **NUMBER IN SCRIPTURE** and **THE WITNESS OF THE STARS** are intriguing, and the student will appreciate such works as his **Word Studies on the Holy Spirit - AKA (THE GIVER AND HIS GIFTS)** and **GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES** In Hebrews 11.

Back in print but hard to get, **THE CHURCH EPISTLES** should be in every pastor's library and in every Christian home. If you haven't met E.W. Bullinger, meet him! Your life will be richer for it.

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