

the further I read the more I decided that the author of this book was very similar to the man whose child fell in, and they said, "Yes, but what happened to his cap?" He is looking at people that God is using to ~~■~~ lead souls into the kingdom of Christ, and criticizing little ~~too~~ tiny points, and trying to find ~~it~~ little flaws with them, and he calls the method used by those ~~■~~ that he dislikes ~~the~~ "The Invitation System." Now what is ~~The~~ Invitation System he is talking ~~about~~ about? As I read on I find he says, "I was tempted to give quotations from Moody, and from Finney, to attack them, to show how wrong they are, ~~he says~~ but" he ~~says~~, "I won't, because the invitation system wasn't in existence in their day; it was only beginning then." He says, "I am dealing with what's happening today."

Well, now what does he mean by "The ~~Evangelist~~ Invitation System?" As I read the book the only think I can see that he means is the idea of asking people to come to the front. And he seems to think that is so terrible. It's all right to lead people to Christ, but if you lead them, and have them come up to the front, that's terrible. Better let them go to hell than do that. That's the impression I get from the book. I say, "A sheep without a shepherd." I think the author of this book certainly qualifies for that. We here at Faith are trying to train people in exegesis. In not saying, ~~Oh, it's~~ "Oh, it's written; it must be true. The Book says it; it must be so." But, examining things, and ~~■~~ seeing whether they are ~~consistent~~ consistent; and whether they fit together. And if it's half as important as his first page/~~to reach~~ ^{says here} to reach people for Christ, why then devote all the rest of the book/~~to~~ attacking the idea of asking people to come to the front? And why call asking people to come to the front "The Invitation System?" I have ~~■~~ not heard a great many evangelists in my life. But those I have heard have had many ~~■~~ systems. I think the Lord leads everyone to work out the best ~~■~~ system he can, the best way he can of reaching people, to accomplish the purposes. It isn't just a straight, logical argument that's going to win people. There are those that will. But ~~■~~ they are mighty few. It isn't a straight emotional argument