

pamphlet which was published by the I. V. F. from a chapter that I wrote in a book some years ago. It is held in some quarters that there were two ^{ressentions} ~~missions~~ of St. Luke. He wrote the Acts of the Apostles twice over with minor variations. One of the grounds for that opinion is that you have in your version of the Acts of the Apostles and they returned to the temple praising and blessing God. Now in one ^{ressention} ~~re'sention~~ we have, "And they ~~trax~~ returned to the temple praising God." In another ^{ressention} ~~re'sention~~ we have, "They returned to the temple blessing God." Evidently some scribe had the two before him and in order to be perfectly certain ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~text~~ which was Scripture, he put both in together, and made it conflict with the text. The way that we have it today is, "They returned to the temple praising and blessing God." Now that is a very interesting textual problem as to whether Luke wrote praising and blessing or whether he wrote ~~praising or whether he wrote blessing or whether there are two ressentions~~ with one ~~praising~~ and the other blessing. It is a very interesting and of course intriguing problem for scholars. But supposing you had two ressentions of Luke that they returned to the temple praising God and the blessed Virgin Mary? What a tremendous help that would be to our Roman Catholic friends. If there ^{was} ~~is~~ any text that wasn't known, that text would be known. Like "thou art Peter and ~~all~~ on this rock I build my church." That is the meaning of saying that ^h were you have nonsignificant ^{variation} you have a guarantee of the substance of the message. That is a matter of witness that I pointed out to you and not a matter of origination. Do not confuse the greatness of the church ^{to} with the Scripture with the origination of the Scriptures by the church. The Scriptures--the church ^{committed} says--~~by~~ from God, but it was ~~permitted~~ to holy men who witnessed the message first in their orderly in their own person and then by the processes of careful collation and criticism which had ended such valuable service to the cause of Christ.