

CLERGY COMMENT

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There is no need for Christians to worry about the reliability of the Biblical text. Various people have raised doubts about it, and some Christians have been troubled.

But the fact of the matter is that the transmission of the Biblical text is not a matter of concern. It leaves no point of Christian teaching in doubt.

The Bible was written between 1500 B.C. and A.D. 100. The original text of the Biblical books was handwritten, and all copies were made by hand for centuries.

The Bible was not printed until the 1450s, and then in Latin. The original texts in Greek and Hebrew were es still relate to minor matters. In no printed not many decades later.

People who have doubts are worrl- ing called into question. ed about mistakes possibly made by the copylsts. But a scholarly study of the transmission of the texts removes any cause for concern.

The matter of the transmission of the texts should be studied carefully, but it does not cast any doubt on the Christian faith.

There are thousands of manuscripts, in whole or in part. There are also thousands of manuscripts of ancient translations of the Greek text.

the New Testament in the writings of ancient theologians.

The results of all the study of all the evidence confirm the text of the New Testament. There are many variant readings, but almost all of them are of no significance.

If only one manuscript contains a variant reading and all the others agree, then it is not to be taken seriously. A large number of the variants are mere matters of style or spelling (like the difference in English between "Savior" and "Saviour").

These could in no way affect the meaning or translation of a Bible

The relatively few variants which do affect the meaning of a passage can easily be noted in footnotes. Many modern translations of the Bible do have such footnotes. There is no danger here.

Anyone can see that the differenccase whatsoever is any Biblical teach-

The transmission of the Old Testament text is even more phenomenal. The Jewish scribes operated with incredibly strict rules.

They even got down to counting words and letters. The result is that the For the Greek New Testament we Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1947, possess a vast number of manuscripts. only confirmed the Old Testament text.

The Word of God is not in doubt. The only doubt is in the minds of And there are quotations of most of people. The way to remove that doubt is not to quibble about the Bible but to read and study it.



Organizer, Mauricette Spicer, with the Halton Lung Association was in the front lobby of Loblaws in Georgetown Saturday as she took care of the annual holly and mistletoe sales. (Herald photo)

Dear Sir.

I wish to thank all those who assisted in making Holly Day a success and in particular the Guides from the 9th company Ballinafad also the volunteers who gave their time and help.

On behalf of the Halton Lung Association, I also wish to thank Loblaws, Canadian Tire, the Brewery Retail, Miracle Food Mart and the Co-Op who allowed us to sell Holly and Mistletoe within

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Mauricette Spicer

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By ANI PEDERIAN . Herald Staff Georgelown Memorial

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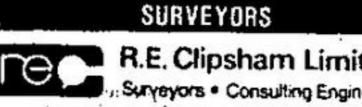
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