PARTS OF BIBLE NOT SAME VALUE: PATTON

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The largest audience which has at- sources upon which Luke depended. tended the lectures given under the week to week of the interest of the time when it was written. lectures, and Dr. Patton may soon need to move to larger quarters.

Instead of his previously announced subject, Dr Patton will talk next Wednesday evening on "The Formation of the Christian Church," and particularly of the part which Paul played in it. Dr. Patton characterized Paul as "a man a good deal more modern than people who are living to-

In his talk last Tuesday evening on the subject, "The Heart of the New Testament," Dr. Patton said in part:

Gospels Heart of Bible "For a long time it was assumed that the Bible was of equal value and authority throughout. Then people began to put the New Testament above the Old Testament. Later they have into permanent literary form. come to discriminate between various parts of the New Testament, as to their religious value. It is now commonly felt that the heart of the New Testament is in the Gospels.

"The first three gospels seem to stand in a class by themselves as compared with the Gospel of John. We are concerned with the first three gospels this evening.

Luke's prologue that he was not himself an eye-witness of the life of Jesus, but that he had certain sources upon which he depended, we institute a comparison between the gospel of Luke and the gospel of Mark. We find the gospel of Mark utilized to such an extent and in such a way in the gospel of Luke, that we conclude that Mark was one of the

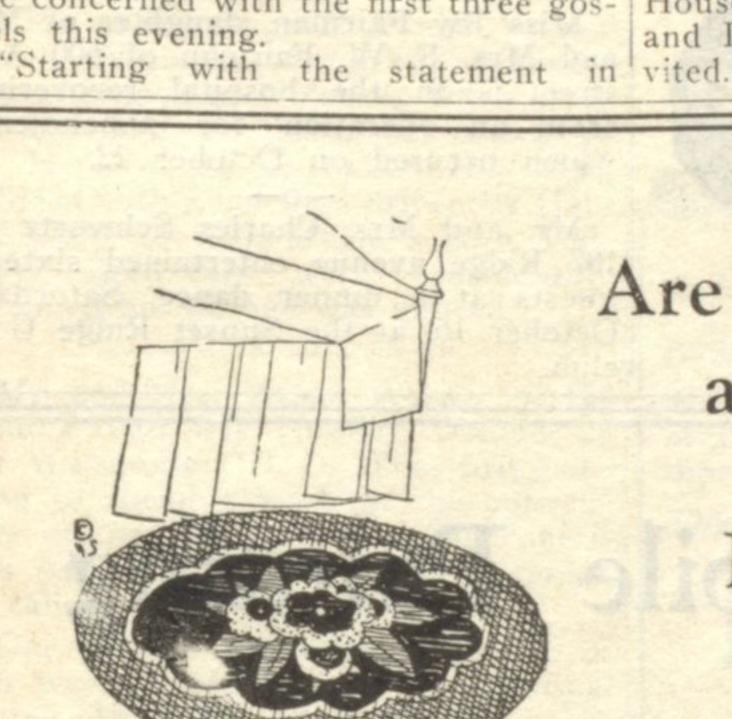
"Taking this hint from the relation joint auspices of Winnetka Congre- of Luke and Mark, we compare gational church and Christ church Mark's gospel with that of Matthew heard a splendid address last Tues- and we concluded that Matthew also day evening by Dr. Carl S. Patton, was acquainted with the work of Dr. Patton has captivated his audi- Mark. This indicates that of the first ences by his obvious mastery of his three gospels, Mark's is the earliest. subject, and his naive, matter-of-fact We then look through Mark's gospel presentation. Word has spread from to see if we can find a clue to the

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"Our comparison of Matthew and Mark and Luke has disclosed another fact; that Matthew and Luke have a large amount of the same material in such close identity of content and wording, that we suspect that they had at least one other common source beside Mark. A more careful comparison shows what sort of a book this second source of theirs was, evidently a book of the sayings of Jesus. If we can tell when Mark wrote his gospel, and when and where this other book originated that Matthew and Luke used in writing their books, we shall have a picture of the earliest attempts known to us through the New Testament, to put life and words of Jesus

"This inquiry, formal and scholastic as it may seem, is full of religious interest, and gives us a view of the Christian church in its first years that has much practical value."

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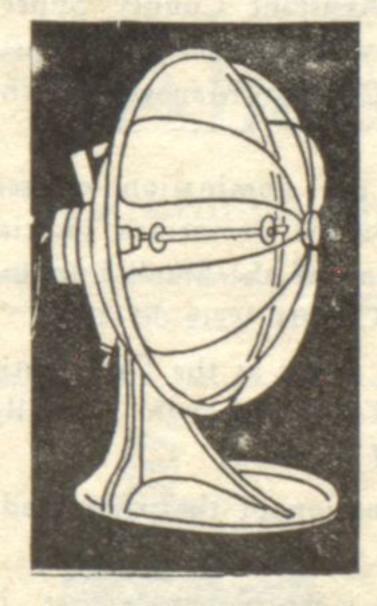
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