

still would have been to have had another year to have worked on it. As it was many decisions were rapidly made about the last half of the NT°, some very rapidly, and I feel that it would have been much better to have spent more time on them on the earlier part of the book. I feel the book as a whole would be far better. It would have been far better if more time could have been spent on the latter part which includes so much that is tremendously important.

IN thinking about this it is easy to see that it was the result of a number of imponderables which it would have been very difficult to have foreseen when we began our work. This one fact might be mentioned--the matter of word changes. We made about one word change per page on the average. These were always clearly marked with the KJ/^{reading}~~reading~~ in the margin. Sometimes there would be more than one on a page, sometimes none on a page. I felt that this was a very great contribution to the work, to make it much easier to understand (nc) in reading, and I have heard others say the same thing about it. IN fact there was one man whom I met who, a graduate of Westminster working in New Zealand, I believe, who had New Zealand or Australia who had absolutely no use for the teaching of the Scofield Bible. I was talking with him and he said how he wished the text of the New Scofield could be printed without any of the notes. He liked the text of it so much.

Of course these text changes do make a problem when it comes to specifically quoting the King James for a scholarly work, particularly if it is a lecture where you want to be referred to the book and read from it, or, also, and particularly for memorization. I am not sure from these two viewpoints whether it was a great advantage, but from the viewpoint of being understood by the average reader and student I believe it was a tremendous improvement. There was a variation on the committee as to the attitude toward these. I would have liked to see the archaic language completely replaced, something like Nelson's is now doing with new KJV of which they issued the NT° ~~It~~ I believe, and are planning to issue the OT° before very long. In this they are keeping planning