

whether these books were written by apostolic hands, and we will accept the ones to which the commission comes to this conclusion. If they had we'd have a right to go back to the work of this commission, the commission wouldn't be final for us unless we had some evidence that God had given supernatural wisdom to the commission, in its determination of the historical facts. Well, I don't feel that the historical fact is necessary in order to determine the books in it. Because I feel that the book as a whole, as a collection, is authenticated by the Spirit of God in causing the Christian church, a few centuries after the writing of the last one, to come to a unanimity regarding which books are in it, just as was done in the case of the O.T., by the Jews. I feel that certainly in the process of their coming to that, I think that the apostles doubtless played a great part in relation to certain of the books. But not necessarily all of them. And they played a great part in establishing the church, showing the people the general attitude they should take on all (13 1/4) ~~7~~ ...

Student: Well, is a further consideration, after all, all the books were products of the first century. When the example of (13 1/2), the influence of the leaders ~~of leaders~~ trained by Christ would have been vastly greater than it was two or three centuries later...

Another student: There was a marked falling off of spiritual matters ^{before and} after that, if I may say so, ~~(13 3/4)~~ (13 3/4) ...

MacRae: Oh sure, during the apostolic age the apostles doubtless had a great deal to do with it, but I don't think that our reason for accepting a book is that we have proof that an apostle was connected with it.

Student: I agree with that.

MacRae: It puts us on the wrong foundation, a very shaky attitude, it doesn't give us, of course that might be the Lord's will (14 1/4) ^{that we} ~~to~~ take that sort of attitude, It could have been, but I think it's contrary to our whole general approach toward the scripture, and if it was, I would think that we would have been clearly (14 1/4)