

It may be questioned whether any writer has been so widely praised during his lifetime as was Sir Walter Scott, the wizard of the North. His many books ~~were~~ had not only a tremendous influence in England and America but all through the continent of Europe. They influenced a generation of writers and thinkers. When Scott was lying on his deathbed he turned to his ~~son~~ and later biographer, son-in-law, J.D. Lockhart, and said, ~~to me~~ Read ~~me~~ from the book. Lockhart, thinking he was referring to one of his ~~own~~ own famous novels, said, Which book. He answered, There is but one book, the Bible.

In all the world's history there ~~is never~~ has never been a book which has been so ~~side~~ widely sold as the Bible. No book ~~is~~ has been so influential in determining the character of the nations which have given it a ~~per-~~f~~~~ prominent position in their life and thought. No other book has been ~~trans~~ translated into so many languages. It may ~~be~~ fairly be said, ~~x~~ that what greatness has come to America is largely the result of the working out of the ideas and ideals of the Bible in the lives of our people.

During the past century there were many who desired to lead American away from their allegiance to ~~x~~ the Bible. Robert Ingersoll travelled up and down this country lecturing on what he called the mistakes of Moses. Prominent ~~athiests~~ ^{es} and infidels attempted to destroy the Church of Christ, but the Church grew all the stronger. It was like the anvil which the hammers could not wear out, but which instead ~~is~~ wore out the ~~ma~~ hammer. In the present century enemies of the Bible have adopted ~~a new fact, instead~~ a new ~~fact~~ attack. Instead of attacking the church from the outside, they have come into its very midst. In theological seminaries all over the country during the ~~lat~~ last fifty years. Views of the Bible altogether different have been held by these schools a few years before have been widely taught, and a whole generation of ministers is now active in most of our large ~~deenum~~ denominations which have ~~a whole~~ an entirely different attitude toward the Bible than that which characterized nearly all our ~~our~~ churches a century ago. Today, unbelief is not attacking the church from outside, ~~is~~ it is ~~more from~~ more from within.