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The Historical Background of Bullinger's Companion Bible

by — Juanita S. Carey¹

In November 1910, Bullinger shared the following with the readers of *Things to Come*:²

Our appeal in October, 1909, brought forth so many letters from hitherto unknown friends that we were overwhelmed with praise and thanksgivings.

We had no idea of the extent to which God is using *Things to Come* for the instruction and blessing of his people in the remotest parts of the earth until we made that appeal.³

It was certainly true that *Things to Come* carried Bullinger's work farther afield than any of his other publications. Its readership had spread throughout Europe and reached as far as the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Africa.

It was Mr. William Barron of Gisborne, New Zealand, a devoted reader of *Things to Come*, who first suggested the concept of *The Companion Bible* to Dr. Bullinger. Mr. Barron had been introduced to *Things to Come* early in the century and shortly afterward had begun a correspondence with Dr. Bullinger.

1. [Editor:] Abridged from chapters 11 and 13 of Carey's *E.W. Bullinger: A Biography*, Bible Student's Press, 2012 (see [order form](#) under "Biographies," or online at Study Shelf).

2. *Things to Come* was founded under a trust, with Sir Robert Anderson, Sholto Douglas, James E. Mathieson and Dr. Bullinger as trustees. Bullinger was also editor in chief of the publication (*Things to Come*, Volume. 1, December, 1894, page 101).

The reprints of all 21 volumes of *Things to Come*, published by Bible Student's Press, are available on the [order form](#) under "Periodicals."

3. E.W. Bullinger, preface to *Things to Come* #16 (November, 1910).

During a trip to England in 1907, Barron went to see him in London. Later, he described their meeting:

Five years ago [in 1907] I went home to see my Mother and relations and also Dr. Bullinger with whom I had been corresponding for six or eight years. This proved to be the beginning of *The Companion Bible*. For three years previous to this I had been writing and trying to show forth the need of such a work, in which he could bring forth all that the Lord had been pleased to give him.

Until we met we could not understand how this could be done apart from a new translation (which no doubt would have been excellent) but which never could have taken the place of the A.V. amongst the common people. *The Companion Bible* will be the gathering together of all his great labors, and the crowning part of all his works while it will bring much glory to God even our Father and much help to his dear ignorant and misguided people.⁴

With Barron's promise of financial support, Bullinger set to work immediately, characteristically undaunted by the immense task before him – the compilation of a lifetime of biblical study. Beginning with the word studies that had been the genesis of the *Lexicon and Concordance* in the late 1860s, the new Bible would also contain Bullinger's research on figures of speech, Old and New Testament chronol-

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4. Letter, William Barron to Charles Welch, 10 June, 1912, Papers of Mrs. Winifred Carpenter.

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ogy, the spiritual significance of numbers, the stars, weights and measures, meanings of proper names, definitions of terms, historical records, and explanations of Eastern manners and customs. Contemporary biblical scholarship, including Ginsburg's *Masoretico-Critical Text of the Hebrew Bible* for the Old Testament and for the New Testament, and textual critics such as Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles and Alford would be cited. Places where the biblical text had been altered by the translators were to be noted, as well as recent archaeological discoveries in Assyria, Egypt and Palestine.

Bullinger decided upon a system of marginal notes wherein the reader could have the explanation side by side with the text. Items of particular importance or difficulty requiring more space were to become separate appendixes.

Two special innovations in *The Companion Bible* were the extensive use of the information in the *Masorah*, never before presented in any text of the *Authorized Version*, and the first systematic attempt to indicate and analyze structure.⁵

Dr. Bullinger was careful to explain why he had chosen the name *The Companion Bible*:

It is called THE COMPANION BIBLE because its wide margin is intended to be a Companion to

5. E.W. Bullinger, preface to *The Companion Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1974), vii-viii.

the Text; and the whole is designed as the Companion of all readers of the Bible.

The human element is excluded, as far as possible, so that the reader may realize that the pervading object of the book is not merely to enable him to interpret the Bible, but to make the Bible the interpreter of God's Word, and Will, to him.

To the same end this BIBLE is not associated with the name of any man; so that its usefulness may neither be influenced nor limited by any such consideration; but that it may commend itself, on its own merits, to the whole English-speaking race.

It is NOT A NEW Translation.

It is NOT AN AMENDED Translation.

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Bullinger did not want his name associated with his new project because he did not want it printed on the title page of the Bible. He wanted to avoid *The Companion Bible* ever becoming known as "Bullinger's Bible." He was content, he said, to let the crowning achievement of his life's labors stand on its own merits.⁷

6. *Ibid.*, v.

7. C.T. Lipshytz, "The Late Rev. Dr. Bullinger: A Man of One Book," *Immanuel's Witness*, September, 1913, 190.



The Companion Bible

by — E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913)

An in-depth study Bible for those who seek to know and understand God's Word. Extensive marginal notes with appropriate Hebrew and Greek analysis provide alternate translations of critical passages and call attention to other relevant texts. Detailed outlines focus on the context and significance of each book while emphasizing how each part fits into the whole. Helps include: Nearly 200 appendixes of Hebrew words and their use, charts, parallel passages, maps, lists of proper names, calendars, and timelines. Keyed to the marginal notes, providing additional information on genealogies, synonyms, historical and a wide range of other important topics.

"So conservative are the notes and appendixes that, if they are right, the great bulk of the Biblical scholarship of our day has been wasted labor." – Review of *The Companion Bible*, Part II, in *The Expository Times*, February, 1911.
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His strong convictions can be seen in a letter he wrote to a friend in 1909:

I am on a very great work at this present moment. It will take 2 years more to complete.

When I write again I will send you a prospectus. Part I (of 4 parts) will be out by Xmas. Till then all is private. After then it can not be too widely known. But *my name is never* to be associated with it. But is given and is to be kept in *strictest* confidence.⁸

He did not waver in this desire. Three years later, still working on the Bible, he made the following request in a letter to the same friend: “Please respect my desire for anonymity in respect to this!”⁹

It is interesting to note that, in choosing the format for the Bible, Bullinger went counter to the third rule of the Trinitarian Bible Society’s “Laws and Regulations,” which stated that the Society would circulate only Holy Scriptures without note or comment.¹⁰ This regulation prevented the Society ever acquiring the copyrights or being able to use their own channels for its distribution. Nevertheless, the Society would eventually profit from future sales of *The Companion Bible* because of the terms of Bullinger’s will.

Anxious to get the Bible into print quickly, Bullinger decided to issue it in four parts with each volume priced as inexpensively as possible. Mr. Henry Frowde, a well-known publisher connected with Ox-

ford University Press, agreed to publish the Bible.

The task facing Bullinger was formidable. Though an early riser since his youth, he now rose even earlier and by four in the morning was already at his desk.¹¹ Activities he had formerly enjoyed, especially his extensive, handwritten correspondence with people all over the world, were now set aside. In 1909 he wrote to a close friend in the United States: “No one understands better than you how pressed I am, and how I avoid all unnecessary penmanship.”¹²

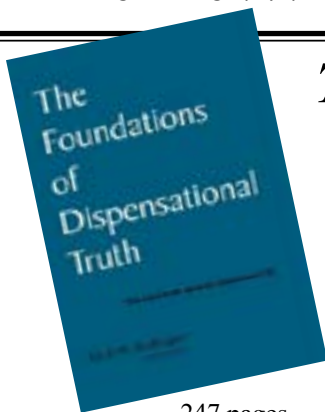
Relief from some of the workload came from two very different men: Henry Charles Bowker and Charles Welch.

Henry Bowker, a seventy-year-old retired schoolmaster, moved to Northwood, Middlesex, a few miles northwest of London in 1909. By 1910, he had become a member of the committee of the Trinitarian Bible Society and a member of its finance subcommittee as well. Sometime after his coming to London, Bowker began giving Dr. Bullinger editorial help with *Things to Come* and *The Companion Bible*. A quiet, unassuming man, he kept himself severely in the background. It was said of him,

He gave up much in his early days for truths which he held strongly; but was patient with all men, and slow to strive, for, as he frequently said, “all of us err somewhere, and I may be erring here.” He was a ripe scholar, and a Christian gentleman.¹³

8. Letter, E.W. Bullinger to A. E. Knoch, 7 December, 1909.
9. Letter, E.W. Bullinger to A. E. Knoch, 28 September, 1912.
10. *E.W. Bullinger: A Biography*, p. 94, III, Bible Student’s Press, 2012.

11. J.J. Beddow, “The Late Rev. Dr. Bullinger,” *The English Churchman*, 26 June, 1913.
12. Letter, E. W. Bullinger to A.E. Knoch, 6 October, 1909.
13. “Henry Charles Bowker,” *The Quarterly Record of the Trinitarian*



The Foundations of Dispensational Truth

by – E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913)

Originally published in 1913, this was Bullinger’s last book. It serves to help cut the tether of tradition with which Christians have been bound for so long. It does so by showing the absolute necessity of observing the great duty of “*rightly dividing the Word of Truth*” (II Timothy 2:15).

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247 pages

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Charles Welch¹⁴ was born on April 25, 1880, in Bermondsey, London, in the shadow of Mary Magdalene Church, the site of Ethelbert Bullinger's first curacy twenty years before. Like so many other families in Bermondsey, Welch's family was poor and his father often unemployed. They were not churchgoers. Charles went to the neighborhood school until the age of fourteen, when his family's scanty resources made it necessary for him to stop and seek employment. Despite their poverty, the family was stable. Reminiscing about his early years, Welch recalled,

I have before indicated that while we were as a family "without God in the world," we were a happy family, kindly, generous, tolerant and rigidly honest. My father was quick tempered, so quick, that before he was half through some explosive utterance, he would be all apology [*sic*]. I remember some hard words being uttered between my two parents, but in the night he came where I was sleeping to assure me all was well, and that he was forgiven.¹⁵

One day in November 1900, while Charles was walking in London, someone handed him an announcement about a forthcoming meeting on "Skeptics and the Bible." Curious, he went to the gathering. For the

first time in his life, he came across people who actually believed the Scriptures were true. The following night, Romans 10:9 was taught, and he confessed Jesus as Lord in his life. The skeptic had become a believer.

Now, aged twenty-one and at a crossroads in life, Welch sought to learn all he could about the Scriptures. In 1904, he became associated with the Bible Training College in London. During his time with this group, he acquired much knowledge, but he resigned in 1906 following doctrinal disputes with the leadership of the college. In the years that followed, he continued to study the Bible, giving particular emphasis to the dispensations, or the different time periods of God's dealings with mankind. It was during this time that, through friends who were readers of *Things to Come*, he became acquainted with Bullinger's work and was prompted to suggest a meeting. As recounted by Welch in his autobiography,

Toward the end of 1908 I felt moved to write to Dr. Bullinger. ...

After some delay, the Doctor granted me an interview at the offices of the Trinitarian Bible Society, Bury Street, London, and that hour's interview proved to be the most critical turning point in my life and ministry. The Doctor invited me to say what was troubling me, and I feared, that after all, he would smile indulgently, pat me on

Bible Society, October, 1920, 26.

14. Welch's works can be ordered from [Study Shelf](#), or see the order form under "Welch."
15. [Charles H. Welch: An Autobiography](#) (Banstead, Surrey: Berean Publishing Trust, 1960), 41. (See the [order form](#) under "Welch.")



Things To Come

A Journal of Biblical Literature

E.W. Bullinger, Editor

E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) was one of the most outstanding Bible students of his time. From 1894 until his death he was editor of the monthly periodical *Things to Come*. For over nineteen years this magazine grew and expanded, as did Bullinger himself in his growth in the knowledge of the truth.

We have reprinted this invaluable set in yearly volumes. 21 facsimile volumes of the original publication are now available and have not been re-typeset; therefore the print quality is only acceptable at times. The content makes up for the quality, however, as they are a rich source of Bible study material. This will be a treasured set for Bible students, as it has extensive writings from the pen of E.W. Bullinger and many of his closest and most trusted friends. (See [order form](#) under "Bullinger.")

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Vol. 5 (1898-9)	Vol. 10 (1903-4)	Vol. 15 (1909)	Vol. 20 (1914)	

the shoulder and tell me to go home and forget all about it. Again I plucked up courage and here is a transcript of our conversation.

Myself: From your writings Doctor, I believe I am right in saying that you do not believe “The Church” began at Pentecost, but rather, that the Dispensational Boundary must be drawn at Acts 28?

Dr. Bullinger: That is so. I have made that quite clear.

Myself: Well, what seems to me to stultify the position you have taken regarding Acts 28, is, that you nevertheless treat the whole of Paul’s epistles as one group, starting with Romans, ending with Thessalonians, with Ephesians somewhere in the centre.

To my amazement and joy, the Doctor looked at me for a moment, then slapping his thigh with his hand said,

“That scraps half the books I have written. But we want the Truth, and the Truth is there in what you have said.”

I felt that here was indeed “grace.” Dr. Bullinger was a man of world repute, a scholar and an elder. I was a young man of twenty-eight years and unknown. We spent the remainder of our brief interview in considering the dispensational implications that arise from observing the relation of Paul’s epistles to the boundary line of Acts 28. ...

At the close of this important interview, Bullinger said,

“I will now let you into a secret. I am just commencing what I feel sure will be my last work, *The Companion Bible*. I have prayed that someone be sent along to relieve me of some of the pages in *Things to Come*. You’re the man.”

At first I demurred. I felt that the standard set by the articles in *Things to Come* was above my attainment, and I was also rather intimidated as I visualized the calibre of its readers. ...

However, the Doctor persuaded me that the call was of the Lord, and so in March 1909 there appeared an article entitled “The Unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3). What is it?”¹⁶

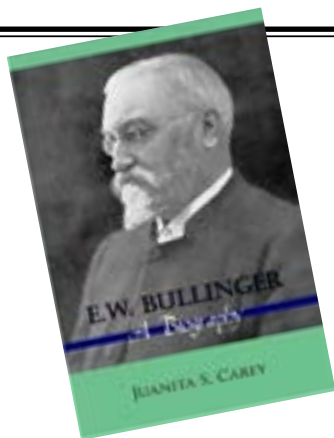
After Welch’s first article for *Things to Come* in March 1909, he commenced a series titled “Dispensational Expositions,” which became a regular feature.¹⁷

With Bowker and Welch’s assistance, Dr. Bullinger was able to proceed swiftly on *The Companion Bible*. By the end of 1909, *Part I, The Pentateuch*, with fifty-two appendixes, was released. It caused considerable stir among Christian circles and prompted reviews, many of them enthusiastic, in leading publications.

In *The Record*, April 8, 1910, reviewer W. St. Clair Tisdall wrote,

16. *Ibid.*, 41.

17. Charles H. Welch, “Dispensational Expositions,” *Things to Come* 15 (April, 1909): 43-46.



316 pages, 19 pictures

E.W. Bullinger: A Biography

by — Juanita S. Carey

This is a behind-the-scenes look at the man who devoted his life to the careful analysis of the biblical text; a man rooted in the belief that the Bible truly is the written Word of God; a man who had one lifelong ambition – to search the Word of God with diligence and faithfully pass on to others the truth he found there.

“An excellent biography of a man who, while greatly respected as a teacher and preacher of God’s Word, was also criticized greatly as he dared to espouse opinions contrary to the mainstream Church.” — Bob Evelyn, Wilmore, KY

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This is the first volume of a new edition of the English Bible, to be completed in four parts. Nearly half of each page is devoted to notes, which are short and very much to the point. In many places these notes are lucid and admirable. They will be found by the ordinary reader to clear up many difficulties. The volume does not bear the name of the commentator, but he is evidently a good Hebraist. The amount of work devoted to the book must have been immense. In many places great use has been made of Dr. Ginsburg's *Massoretico-Critical Hebrew text*, and all the really important various readings are given. Places in which the *Authorized Version* is clearly wrong are corrected in the notes. Reference is made to recent archaeological discoveries. No praise can be too great for the reverent as well as scholarly way in which Holy Scripture is dealt with.¹⁸

Another periodical, *The Sword and Trowel*, commented,

This *Companion Bible* is “the *Authorized Version*, with the structures and notes critical, explanatory and suggestive,” and it is really a capital production. The short pithy notes are most valuable, and what is specially refreshing in these days, they are on the side of the orthodox faith and give no countenance to the vagaries of “Higher Criticism.”¹⁹

The prevalence of higher criticism, is reflected in the following review from the London paper *The Daily News*:²⁰

18. W. St. Clair Tisdall, review of *The Companion Bible, Part I*, in *The Record*, 8 April, 1910.
19. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part I*, in *Sword and Trowel*, March, 1910.
20. E.W. Bullinger: *A Biography*, p. 18, Bible Student's Press, 2012.

This is the first part of a new edition of the *Authorized Version* of the Bible of 1611, with the structures and notes, critical, explanatory, and suggestive. The various readings and alternative renderings are fully given in the broad margins, and for the first time the facts and phenomena treasured up in the *Massorah* are given in connection with the *Authorized Version*.

While we have nothing but praise for the care and skill which are manifest on every page, we doubt whether there is a widespread demand for a book built upon a conception of Biblical interpretation which includes the dogma of verbal inspiration. “The record of the dates and periods stated in the Bible are as much inspired as any other portion of it. ... They must be as unreservedly received and believed as any other statements contained in its pages.” Evolution is ruled out in a sentence. The story of the fall is accepted in bare literalness. “In Genesis III, we have neither allegory, myth, legend, nor fable, but literal historical facts set forth and emphasized by the use of certain figures of speech.”

Many other instances could be given in which the interpretation is hopelessly at variance with the results of modern Biblical criticism.²¹

Other reviews were critical also. From *The Inquirer*, dated March 26, 1910, came the following:

We regard the appearance of this elaborate work as a very melancholy phenomenon, and we should have thought that at this time of day the publication of such a book was impossible.²²

21. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part I*, in *The Daily News*, 25 February, 1910.
22. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part I*, in *The Inquirer*, 26 March,



Charles H. Welch: An Autobiography

Welch (1880-1967), an associate of E.W. Bullinger, was the editor of the *Berean Expositor* (1906-1967), a Bible study magazine. While Bullinger was working on *The Companion Bible* his time was limited. As a result, Welch shouldered the editorial duties of his periodical *Things to Come*. During his lifetime he produced over 60 books, booklets and pamphlets.

156 pages

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Negative comments notwithstanding, *Part I* of *The Companion Bible* sold very well and was widely distributed. The following review, from the *New York Observer* of May 12, 1910, attests to the enthusiasm with which the Bible was received from readers overseas:

The Companion Bible is a new edition of the English Bible. ... It is a self-explanatory Bible designed for the general use of all English readers throughout the world. It has an amount of information, much of it hitherto inaccessible to the ordinary English reader, in its wide margins not to be found in any edition of the *Authorized Version* extant. ... It is called *The Companion Bible* because its wide margin is intended to be a companion to the text, and the whole is designed to be the companion of all readers of the Bible. The human element is excluded, as far as possible, so that the reader may realize that the pervading object of the book is not merely to enable him to interpret the Bible, but to make the Bible the interpreter of God's Word, and will, to him.²³

Part II, Joshua to Job, became available in September, 1910. It was issued with the following notice:

In compliance with several requests, it has been decided to issue the Old Testament in four parts instead of three. As many have expressed the desire to have the Psalms at an early date, arrangements have been made to issue the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon (with their twelve Appendixes) as Part III, and the Prophets as Part IV.²⁴

1910.

23. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part I*, in *New York Observer*, 12 May, 1910.
24. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part II*, in *The Christian's Pathway*, February 1911, 59.

In one review of *Part II* of the Bible for the *Expository Times*, February 1911, an ironic statement must have brought a wry smile to Bullinger's face. It was underlined in his copy:

So conservative are the notes and appendixes that if they are right the great bulk of the Biblical scholarship of our day has been wasted labor.²⁵

William Barron, when he heard of Dr. Bullinger's death, immediately sent [Bullinger's niece, Elizabeth Dodson] a telegram saying,

Put [Charles] Welch on to the Epistles.²⁶

Others wrote urging great care in making the decision:

My daily prayer now is, that someone fit and worthy to complete his great work may be raised up to do so. But, oh! I was so looking forward to having your dear uncle's own work on the Epistles.²⁷

One letter introduced a note of caution:

As soon as you feel able perhaps you would grant me a few minutes. I desire to learn what arrangements are made concerning the Doctor's crowning work. There may be an effort to mar or wreck it. Much will depend upon you his faithful and patient helper whom he would expect to faithfully

25. Review of *The Companion Bible, Part II*, in *The Expository Times*, February, 1911.

26. Charles H. Welch, [Charles H. Welch: An Autobiography](#) (Banstead, Surrey: Berean Publishing Trust, 1960), 112. (See the [order form](#) under "Welch.")

27. Letter, Ellen F. Griffith to Elizabeth Dodson, 5 August 1913 (Mrs. Dorothy R. Fielder Collection).



The Mystery Ministry of Paul

by — Russell H. Schaefer (1919-1999)

This book takes a look at the "Mystery" ministry of Paul as revealed in his letters of Ephesians and Colossians. It surveys this teaching as well as its relationship with the rest of his epistles.

80 pages

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and jealously guard it.²⁸

In the end, Elizabeth decided not to follow Barron's instructions, but to proceed with the help of H.C. Bowker, using the material left by her uncle at the time of his death. She said,

We do not know what Dr. Bullinger *would have written*, we can only go back and adopt what he has already written.²⁹

Welch was dismayed. He claimed that Miss Dodson was looking to future sales when she rejected his editorship and the unpopular positions he might introduce, namely, dispensational questions regarding the beginning of the church in the book of Acts. He cited Bullinger's last book, *The Foundations of Dispensational Truth*,³⁰ to support his arguments. Elizabeth, however, was adamant. From New Zealand, Barron withdrew his name from the project and terminated all financial support. Charles Welch had no further involvement with *The Companion Bible*. He continued to contribute his "Dispensational Expositions" in *Things to Come* until its end, but for the most part he now concentrated his energies upon his own journal, the *Berean Expositor*.

It was Sir Robert Anderson³¹ who quietly stepped in at this juncture to oversee the completion of this project.³² It is probable that he also made up for the loss of financial resources. Henry Bowker took over the day-to-day work of *The Companion Bible* and *Things to Come*.

Exactly how much of the final portion of *The Companion Bible*, Part VI, Acts to Revelation, was Dr. Bullinger's work has been a matter of speculation over the years. The evidence, however, strongly indicates that, although unfinished at the time of his

death, it was, in the main, Dr. Bullinger's work. A letter written to Elizabeth Dodson in October 1913 by W.T. Broad³³ of Carlisle, England, for many years Bullinger's close friend and faithful supporter, sheds light on this subject. The two men had shared the platform at the Prophetic Conferences, and Broad had been a contributor to *Things to Come*. At the time of Bullinger's death, Mr. Broad was in Canada, and wrote to Miss Dodson:

... The news of your uncle's death came to me as a sad and terrible blow. ... To me the Doctor was a real spiritual father. I owe it to him that my eyes were opened, and a diligent study for years of the treasures he has brought out of God's Word, has resulted in untold blessing to me and others. ...

The Companion Bible to me is a veritable "Magnum Opus," a vast treasure. I do hope he was able to complete New Testament. ... If unfinished cannot someone put together what is published in his other works? I gathered the last part of the New Testament was almost done before the 1st volume was started.³⁴

Further confirmation that the preparation of the material in Part VI was Dr. Bullinger's work comes from the working notes and papers left in his Bible at the time of his death. These indicate that Dr. Bullinger continued to review and rework topics vitally important to the final volumes of *The Companion Bible* and their accompanying appendixes right up to the end of his life.³⁵

Also, C.T. Lipshytz, director of the Barbican Mission to the Jews and Bullinger's friend and confidant of many years, indicated in his review of *The Companion Bible*, Part V, that Bullinger had already done the work for the New Testament at the time of his death.³⁶

By December 1914, the next volume of *The Companion Bible* was ready. It was advertised thus in *Things to Come*:

The Companion Bible.

33. See his work, *The Dispensational Writings of William Tucker Broad*, on the [order form](#) under "Other Authors."

34. Letter, W.T. Broad to Elizabeth Dodson, October 12, 1913, Dorothy R. Fielder Collection.

35. E.W. Bullinger, Personal Papers, Dorothy R. Fielder Collection.

36. C.T. Lipshytz, review of *The Companion Bible*, Part V, in *Immanuel's Witness*, December 1914, page 435.

28. Letter, C. Swann to Elizabeth Dodson, 8 June 1913 (Mrs. Dorothy R. Fielder Collection).

29. Charles H. Welch, *Charles H. Welch: An Autobiography* (Banstead, Surrey: Berean Publishing Trust, 1960), 112. (See the [order form](#) under "Welch.")

30. *The Foundations of Dispensational Truth*, E.W. Bullinger, originally published in 1913, reprinted by Bible Student's Press in 2011 (see the [order form](#) under "Bullinger.")

31. See his works at [StudyShelf](#), and on the [order form](#) under "Anderson."

32. Letter, Russell Schaefer to the author, January 8, 1989. (Schaefer is the author of *The Mystery Ministry of Paul*, Bible Student's Press (see the [order form](#) under "Other Authors.")

Vol. V. – The Four Gospels.

It is with great satisfaction that we announce the publication of Part V of *The Companion Bible*. In a beautiful volume, uniform with those that were issued during the lifetime of the late lamented Editor, we have the Gospels as prepared (in substance) by Dr. Bullinger, and since his death completed by those who labored with him in opening up the Sacred Word.³⁷

In March 1915, *Watchword and Truth* stated,

It is no breach of confidence, now that the author of this monument of devout scholarship has passed away, to say that it is the work of the late Dr. Bullinger. He published many books of which he was the author, but in none of them are there seen such marks of versatility of talent, patient investigation, accurate scholarship, and fearless independence, as is seen in the five volumes making this marvelous work. We had been informed that Dr. Bullinger left the notes for the present volume almost complete for publication. These “notes” have fallen into the hands of a distinguished scholar so that we can discover no decline in the value of the book.³⁸

H.C. Bowker continued to ready the sixth and final volume of *The Companion Bible*, Acts to Revelation

37. *Things to Come*, volume 20, page 143 (December, 1914).

38. Review of *The Companion Bible*, Part V, in *Watchword and Truth*, March, 1915.

for publication. Elizabeth Dobson became the administratrix of her uncle's will, and deeded all rights of *The Companion Bible* and Dr. Bullinger's other literary works to Thomas Henry Hilken and Frederick William Carter, old friends from Walthamstow. For their part, Hilken and Carter agreed to publish the remaining volume of *The Companion Bible* and to procure the necessary funds to continue printing it, as long as was deemed necessary, along with any other of Dr. Bullinger's works.³⁹

The team of Thomas Henry Hilken and Frederick William Carter was an excellent choice to handle Dr. Bullinger's affairs. Not only were they leading businessmen, but also they were loyal both to the late Dr. Bullinger and to Elizabeth. *The Companion Bible*, Part VI, Acts to Revelation was published late in 1921. It was followed by the complete Bible in one large volume. **ESN**

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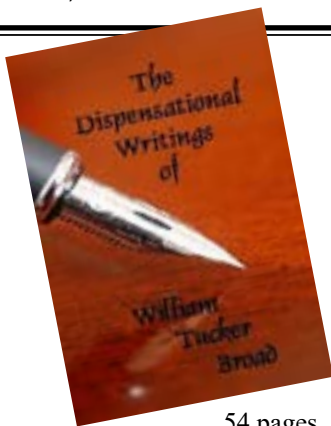
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39. Elizabeth Dodson and F.W. Carter, “An Assignment,” 7 December, 1921, Barron & Morton, Solicitors, London.



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