

# BULLETIN

## SEMINARY EXTENSION

### DEPARTMENT

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#### THOSE QUOTATIONS AGAIN

A number of inquiries have been handed us about the allegations last month that New Testament writers did not always follow the actual sense of the passages they used. Matthew in 2:15 takes Hosea 11:1 out of its original meaning in stating that it refers prophetically to Christ. The prophet was clearly referring to the Exodus. Again in 2:18 a passage which referred to the tragic events that had fallen upon and was about to fall upon Israel is made to refer to the slaying of the children by Herod (see Jeremiah 31:1-19). And even Schofield does not know where Matthew got 2:23- "He shall be called a Nazarene." In Hebrews 2:11ff the writer makes Isaiah 8:18, which clearly referred to the prophets own children, to refer to Jesus unashamedly calling his followers brethren. There are many instances of these writers using methods which if used today would result in numerous irregularities. But one must remember that the atmosphere of the times approved the method and that the New Testament writers were so fully convinced of the truth of their preaching that they did not stop to originate a

new critical method of interpretation. As a matter of fact their methods bear the weight of scientific critical study to such a remarkable degree that other approaches are rather to be contrasted to theirs. The Talmud is so full of spiritualizing literalizing, allegorizing and illogical reasoning that sound exegesis is all but absent.

A suggestion is in order. Read many of the "fulfilled" passages in this light: "This reminds me of a statement in the prophets." At times the writers meant little else. Passages in the Old Testament often contained sentences or fragments of sentences which when taken out of their context could fit the situation. Present day contacts with historical facts, English Rhetoric, logic and languages of the Bible do not offer a parallel to the times of the Gospels.

Next - Some types of quotations. A good book in quotations in the New Testament is Elias Johnson - New Testament Quotations. See also C. H. Loy, New Testament Quotations. Both are out of print.

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The Director plans to be in Florida, East Texas and Oklahoma during September. Look in your Baptist papers for the itinerary.

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1. That your church is being led by some who are untrained?

2. That the training of these leaders determines the direction of your church?

3. That the Seminary Extension Center offers a solution?

4. That Sound Training means Sound Leadership?

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