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As Harnak proceeded in his lecture he mentioned that his next point was that the establishment of the NT° canon had preserved the OT° canon. He said there are probably many of you who wish that the OT° had been lost in the early days of the Christian church. He said, I do not share such a feeling but he said, if I had my way the OT° books would be printed like the books of the apocrypha are now printed in small type at the end of the volume with the heading that is found on the apocrypha "books not inspired but valuable for reading."

When he made this statement, dozens perhaps hundreds of the German students immediately began striking the floor with their feet, a common method there of applaud. After they had applauded for a time, when it ceased, Harnak said, But don't worry you can be sure it will not be done the way I would like." Believing as I did that the OT° scriptures are an important part of the Bible and feeling that if it was allowable to applaud one statement of a professor it surely was allowable to applaud another statement. When he said that this would not be done, I immediately began striking the floor with my feet feeling that it would be wrong not to express -- wrong to hide my feelings on this important matter. Before I had done this I felt quite conspicuous under the circumstances as you can well imagine. However, before I had applauded very long the other students began scraping the floor with their feet-- a sign that expressed the opposite of applause.

There are many in our day who speak of the NT° as if it was the entire Bible. I have sometimes seen signs -- a sign on a church that said "No creed but the NT°" I do not believe that that is a Christian statement. The Bible is made up not of 27 books of the NT°, but of 66 books of the entire Bible. The NT° constantly builds on the teachings of the OT° It refers in many places to the OT° books as being God's inspired Word. While the NT° has tremendous importance to the Christian the OT° is also a part of His teaching and a very important part. When Paul said "all scripture is profitable--- is inspired of