

presentation of the thoughts contained in the original manuscripts. However, these manuscripts were not the books that had come ~~mf~~ from the hands of the original writer, in fact no book as it came from the hand of the original writers is in existence today. How do we know that these books are indeed - that the contents of these books are indeed the very thing as that which God gave to the writers? ~~How do we know~~ - How accurately has it been preserved? What changes have come in/ to it/ during the centuries after the books were written up to the time when the King James Version was translated.

The first two thirds of the present volume will be devoted to a consideration of this question. The last third of the book will deal with the history of the translation of the Bible into English and show us some of the great successes and some of the difficult problems that face us in this vital field.

When the Bible was first written such books as we have in our library today were completely unknown. The book form or codex form as it is technically called was not invented until about the time of Christ and did not come into common use until three or four centuries later. ~~Enactimally~~ Before that time my writing was done on scrolls. A scroll was like two pieces of wood with a long roll of paper bound - A scroll was somewhat like the paper towels which are found in many of our kitchens except that instead of having one ~~on~~ which it was rolled there were two so that ~~mf~~ as it was rolled unto one piece it could be unrolled from the other. The wood was held vertically and could turn from one scroll to the other. The writing was arranged in columns so that one would read down a column and then turn the roll a little further and then read the next column.

We read in the book of Jeremiah that Jeremiah dictated a scroll to Baruch the scribe. Baruch took this scroll and read it to the people. A request was made that he should read it to the king. Verse <sup>k</sup> tells us that when Jehoiachim <sup>k</sup> after he had read through three or four columns King Jehoiachim took the scroll from him and cut it to pieces with his knife and threw it into the fire.

In our King James version, the word column is translated leaf. Well unfamiliar with the idea of the scroll the idea of leaf would make better se