



THE BRETHREN WRITERS HALL OF FAME

Noted biblical writers on dispensational lines - mostly of the persuasion known to the world as "Plymouth Brethren"

E. W. BULLINGER

BIOGRAPHY

E. W. BULLINGER (1837-1913)

Ethelbert William Bullinger (December 15, 1837 - June 6, 1913) was a Vicar of the Church of England and Biblical scholar.

Born in Canterbury, England, his family traced its lineage back to the noted Swiss reformer Heinrich Bullinger (1504-1557).

He was educated at King's College, London, and gained recognition in the field of Biblical languages. This recognition was world-wide in spite of some sniping from the so-called "Plymouth Brethren" due to his having a different interpretation of the Dispensations to many of them.

He became Secretary to the (British) [Trinitarian Bible Society](#) and rescued it from bankruptcy by his untiring money-raising efforts and extensive travels to promote their aims, including writing the music for some hymns known among the Bretons only by memory! The Bible in the Breton language was also due largely to his efforts and friendship with Pastor LeCoat.

His efforts were appreciated and noted in the Society's History "The Word of God Among All Nations". [See chapter six.](#)

E.W. Bullinger was noted broadly for three works: A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (1877); for his ground-breaking and exhaustive work on Figures of Speech Used in the Bible (1898); and as the primary editor of The Companion Bible (published in 6 parts, beginning in 1909; the entire annotated Bible was published posthumously in 1922). He was also responsible almost single-handed for the magazine "Things To Come" from which many of the articles we have are reproduced.

All three of these works, along with numerous of his books and pamphlets, remain in print (2003). In 1881, four years after the publication of the Lexicon and Concordance, Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury conferred upon Bullinger a Doctor of Divinity degree, citing Bullinger's "eminent service in the Church in the department of Biblical criticism." and "in recognition of his biblical scholarship".

He became a great friend of Sir Robert [Anderson](#) C.B. and was often at his home for a weekend or longer, being known to the household as "Bully" Read a letter from Sir Robert to Bullinger, [here](#). The letter demonstrates and testifies to the grace with which Bullinger could disagree with other interpretations of Holy Scripture. This grace could usefully be copied by some brethren in the faith!

Educated at King's College, London, he was a recognized scholar in the field of biblical languages. The Archbishop of Canterbury granted him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1881. Bullinger died on June 6, 1913, in London, England, aged Seventy-five. The Companion Bible was completed, post-humously by some devoted friends and followers.



A VIEW OF THE LATE DR. BULLINGER'S STUDY,
AS LAST USED BY HIM.

MEET E. W. BULLINGER

A Tribute

Ethelbert W. Bullinger was born before the Civil War... 1837 to be exact. He died just before World War One, in 1913. E.W. Bullinger was a true scholar, a "rare bird" especially in our day, and scholars

sometimes have a way of making lasting contributions for generations to come. He was a direct descendant of Johann H. Bullinger, the great Swiss Reformer. His ardent Biblical scholarship was matched by his intense devotion to Christ. Like the rest of us, he wasn't always right and he got plenty of flak in his lifetime and even more since his homegoing. We are not "Bullingerites" neither do we "throw out baby with the bath-water." Those who are miss a great deal, for Bullinger's love of the Word produced a wealth of material for which any true student of Scripture can be eternally grateful. His study Bible, **The COMPANION BIBLE** is unequalled as a wealth of helps to Bible understanding. If I could only own one study Bible, it would be this one.

HOW TO ENJOY THE BIBLE is chock-full of keys to Bible understanding; every Believer should have it. His **COMMENTARY ON REVELATION** is written from a dispensational viewpoint and makes more sense than 50 other commentaries that are not. **NUMBER IN SCRIPTURE** and **THE WITNESS OF THE STARS** are intriguing, and the student will appreciate such works as his **Word Studies on the Holy Spirit - AKA (THE GIVER AND HIS GIFTS)** and **GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES** In Hebrews 11.

Back in print but hard to get, **THE CHURCH EPISTLES** should be in every pastor's library and in every Christian home. If you haven't met E.W. Bullinger, meet him! Your life will be richer for it.

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