

The author has made much use of the textual apparatus in Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica*. The English translation of selected passages is often quite felicitous. The book will contribute to the recognition and appreciation of the literary beauty of the Old Testament.

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Pentateuchal Studies. By Harold M. Wiener, M.A., LL.B. Bib-
liothea Sacra Company, Oberlin, O., 1912. Pp. 353.

Mr. Wiener is a Jewish barrister in London. For the most part, Jewish scholars have done less than Christian students in the defence of the authenticity and trustworthiness of the Hebrew Scriptures. In the volume under review Mr. Wiener appears more in the role of an attorney for the prosecution than he has in previous books. He arraigns Dr. John Skinner severely, and also pays his respects to Drs. Driver, Briggs and Gordon. Being a Jew and not a Christian, an attorney and not a professor of Biblical exegesis, Mr. Wiener sees things from a new angle. He is aware of the marked differences between himself and the men whose processes and conclusions he is testing: "The very first things that strike me about a word are usually points that have never been noticed at all by our lexicographers. In fact, here, as elsewhere, I am separated from the higher critics by differences of training, of temperament, and of scholarly ideals."

We must confess to a preference for the chapters in which the able barrister deals with the arguments of the critics rather than their personal character. Mr. Wiener has the linguistic and legal equipment that qualifies him to test the processes of Pentateuchal criticism at every point. He cannot be ignored by the followers of Wellhausen.

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The Book of Judges. By Edward Lewis Curtis, Ph.D., D.D. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1912. Pp. 201. 75 cents, net.

Professor Curtis died before he had completed the manuscript for the volume on Judges in "The Bible for Home and