

The Parting of the Roads. Studies in the Development of Judaism and Early Christianity. By members of Jesus College, Cambridge. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. Pages 347.

The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. W. R. Inge, writes an Introductory Essay. He is an Honorary Fellow of Jesus College. All the papers are by members of this great college. The Dean of the College, Dr. F. J. Foakes Jackson, is the editor of the volume. The tone is more conservative than some similar volumes of recent date and the evangelical note is marked.

I have been particularly interested in the chapters on "Judaism in the Days of the Christ," by W. O. E. Oesterley; "Some Characteristics of the Synoptic Writers," by H. G. Wood; "St. Peter and the Twelve," by W. K. L. Clarke; "The Theology of St. Paul," by G. B. Redman, and "The Johannine Theology," by B. T. D. Smith. The book is an honor to Jesus College and a worthy expression of sane modern scholarship. Many non-conformists go to Jesus College and it stands in the front rank of the colleges at Cambridge. The writer (Ephraim Levine) of Essay IX, "The Break between Judaism and Christianity," is a Jew.

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Miracles: Papers and Sermons Contributed to the Guardian. By W. Lock, D.D., W. Sanday, D.D., H. S. Holland, D.D., H. H. Williams, M.A., A. C. Headlam, D.D., with a Prefatory Note by H. S. Holland, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford. Longmans, Green & Co., London and New York. 1911. 140 pages. 90c, net.

What an array of first-class scholarship is here presented, discussing this subject of first-class importance to current Christianity. And these fine scholars are at their best in the discussion. They did not write with a view to supplementing each other and of forming a unified discussion. It so turns out, however, that they have discussed the subject from the several standpoints of Biblical Criticism, science, philosophy, meaning and purpose. All in all it makes a very fine modern presentation of the best Christian thought concerning miracles.

A certain Mr. Thompson published a book with the title,

"*Miracles in the New Testament*," in which he contended that "the full and real belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ would gain by the total elimination from His life on earth of all that went beyond the limits of ordinary human life as we know it." It is to confute and refute that position that all this fine ammunition has been brought out. One would think Mr. Thompson quite set up with his importance in calling to the ramparts such masters and so many. They have treated the author and his positions with eminent consideration and fairness, paying him far more deference than a too shallow and patronizing position properly deserves. But the Church is certainly much the richer for these papers called forth by this subtle attack on a fundamental of reason and of faith.

W. O. CARVER.

The Higher Criticism. Four Papers by S. R. Driver, D.D., Canon of Christ Church, and Regius Professor of Hebrew, Oxford, and A. F. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Dean of Ely, Sometime Master of Selwyn College, and Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, Cambridge. New Edition. Hodder & Stoughton (George H. Doran Company), New York. 1912. xii+88 pages. 50 cents, net.

These papers were originally designed to justify and commend the methods and results of Biblical Criticism before the intelligent lay membership of the Church, and particularly to urge upon the ministry the necessity for recognizing the work of Criticism in their sermons. The authors feel that there is still need for such justification and commendation. Hence the new edition. Dr. Kirkpatrick urged "The Claims of Criticism upon the Clergy and Laity," and "The Inevitableness and Legitimacy of Criticism;" while Dr. Driver presents "The Old Testament in the Light of To-day," and shows from his standpoint "The Permanent Religious Value of the Old Testament." Dr. Driver is one of the very foremost of the liberal mediate critics and Dr. Kirkpatrick is of the same school and at home in his subject. The little volume is, therefore, just such as the average reader will want for an understanding of this matter from the standpoint of its exponents.

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