

**The Fourth Gospel and Some Recent German Criticisms.**

By Henry Latimer Jackson, B.D., Vicar of St. Mary's with St. Benedicts, Huntingdon. Cambridge, the University Press; Cambridge University Press Warehouse, C. F. Clay, Man., Fetter Lane, London, E. C. England. 1906. Pp. 247.

This is a brightly written and fair statement of present-day German criticism concerning the Fourth Gospel. It is briefer and a little less technical than Dr. Sanday's recent able volume on the Criticism of the Fourth Gospel. He is very much on the fence about the author, whether John the Apostle, John the Presbyter (if there be such a man), or an unknown member of the circle of Christ's friends, though he does argue strongly for the unity of the book. The volume is helpful not so much for any positive opinions of the author as for an excellent presentation of various German views on the subject. Dr. Sanday inclines to the view that the Apostle John is the author or at least a member of the circle of Jesus' friends. But Mr. Jackson only hopes that this is true, but considers it all in the air. Mr. Jackson does not consider the argument that John's name is not mentioned in the Gospel at all (sons of Zebedee referred to once in John 21:2), certainly a very pointed and curious omission if a member of the inner circle, often mentioned in connection with Simon Peter, wrote the Gospel. If one admits that the author was this close to John, it is a halting logic to stop there. I myself have no doubt that John the Apostle will still hold his place as the author when the debate is over.

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**The Culture of the Spiritual Life.** Some Studies in the Teaching of the Apostle Paul.

By the Rev. William Dickie, D. D. Hodder & Stoughton, Warwick Square, London, England. 1905. Price, 6 shillings. Pp. 340.

Dr. Dickie is a Glasgow minister of much ability. These studies are not sermons, but real studies, though the preacher's practical turn is manifest. But there is also rare spiritual insight coupled with great freshness