

will appear, I trust, that it is conceived in a broad spirit, and executed in close sympathy with the rights of Scripture and the need of the individual believer. It is a vindication of higher criticism from within, that is, from the very nature of revelation itself; and therefore it seems to me a book for which there is a real and widespread need.

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The Messages of Paul, arranged in historical order, analyzed, and freely rendered in paraphrase, with introductions. By PROFESSOR GEORGE B. STEVENS, PH.D., D.D. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1900. Pp. xiii + 268. \$1.25, net.

The material of this book was first published two years ago, under the title *The Epistles of Paul in Modern English*. In its present form it has been reset with some revision, and conformed in style to the "Messages of the Bible" series edited by Professors Sanders and Kent. The addition of the marginal analyses, and the introductions which state briefly the time, place, and occasion of the writing of each letter, increase the value of the book largely. An essay of thirty pages is new, treating of the use of epistles in the early Christian church, the peculiarities of the Pauline epistles, Paul's life as seen in his epistles, Paul's addresses, etc. The volume is therefore much improved in appearance and usefulness.

We bespeak for the book a wide use among Bible readers generally. The endeavor to put Paul's letters into our present-day English, and to give a true historical interpretation to his utterances, has here been in a high degree successful. And the benefit which comes to one from reading such a commentary can hardly be equaled by the same amount of time spent in any other method of studying the epistles. It is difficult for us to bring the New Testament epistles into a condition of *reality*, as though we were actually hearing the apostle speak; but this is necessary to our understanding of his letters. Professor Stevens' book will give great assistance in this effort.

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The Divine Discipline of Israel: An Address and Three Lectures on the Growth of Ideas in the Old Testament. By G. BUCHANAN GRAY, M.A. London: A. & C. Black, 1900. Pp. vi + 128. 3s.

The address which opens this volume furnishes the title. The three lectures discuss the development of moral ideas and life in Israel. All have the clearness associated with oral discourse, and are