

of interesting points, and they are always worth considering. This volume can be cordially commended to any scholarly man who is anxious to go deeply into the Gospel of John. It is indispensable to the trained student who wishes to get all the fresh knowledge from linguistic research. We may have a Pauline Grammar next, but, if it is as good a piece of work as this Johannine Grammar, it will be cordially welcomed. One is astonished again at the virility in turning out so many books of such excellent quality in so short a time. No student of Gospel problems can neglect Diatessarica.

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### **Johannine Vocabulary.**

By Edwin A. Abbott. Adam & Charles Black, Soho Square, London, England, 1905. Price 13s, 6d. Pages 353.

This volume is Volume V in Diatessarica, a series of six books on Gospel problems. The four preceding ones are Clue, The Corrections of Mark, From Letter to Spirit, Paradosis. It is positively amazing to me the amount of detail that Dr. Abbott has so accurately put together in this volume. He has done original thinking at every turn. The words of the Fourth Gospel are compared with those of the Synoptic Gospels. As examples of his careful work one notes the discussion of *πιστεύω* and *ἐξουσία*. "Believe" in John has several senses. The chapter on Johannine Synonyms is especially suggestive and helpful. Dr. Abbott has a spirited style and maintains the interest right through. The book will be useful to all students of John's Gospel. Dr. Abbott's Diatessarica will make a thesaurus for technical students of the Gospels.

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### **The History of Early Christian Literature. The Writings of the New Testament.**

By Baron Herman Von Soden, D. D. Translated by the Rev. J. R. Wilkinson, M. A. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1905. Pages 476. Price \$1.25.

This book belongs to the Crown Theological Library. The series is a set of handbooks that expound the liberal

and even radical view of Christianity. This work by Von Soden is very ably done. The style is clear, and he has a vigorous grasp of his theme. He is best in his discussion of Paul. He rejects the Pastoral Epistles and the Gospel of John and other N. T. books. He conceives that the Revelation of John (early date) incorporates a Jewish Apocalypse. His criticism is keen, direct and frank. There is no mistaking the position that he takes. Certainly this reviewer disagrees with him at a great many points, but he has been glad to read this able statement of the views of the radical school of criticism. He hits hard, but he has a right to do that.

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### **Christian Origins.**

By Otto Pfeiderer, D. D. New York, B. W. Huebach, 1906. Pp. 296

This book is translated by Rev. D. A. Huebsch. It is Pfeiderer's characteristic style. He is cock-sure about everything, and can lightly set aside any passage of Scripture which conflicts with his theories. Pfeiderer rules out the supernatural and endeavors to explain Christianity purely as a natural development. He has great mental force, but is so unscrupulous in the use of the sources that one can have little confidence in him.

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### **Nagel, Der Wortschatz der Apostels Paulus.**

Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Goettingen, Germany. To be had also through Lemcke & Buechner, New York, 1905.

This book is part of a lexicon to Paul, which it is hoped the author will finish. We have now a Johannine Grammar, why not a Pauline Lexicon, if not grammar? Nageli only uses the letters  $\alpha$ — $\epsilon$ , but he has given us a very careful and helpful study. He has made use of the inscriptions and the papyri to fine effect. Some day Thayer must be revised, and this work will help it on.

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