

The Christology of St. Paul. Hulsean Prize Essay with an additional chapter. By the Rev. S. Nowell Rostron, M.A. Robert Scott, London, 1912. 249 pages. 5s net.

In a very able manner Mr. Rostron has handled his theme. He is alert to all that is new. He knows of the "Jesus or Christ" controversy, the effort to blame Paul for the "deification" of Jesus, the question of the "mystery" religions, etc. Through it all the author ploughs his way to Paul's real thought of Christ. He suggests (p. 114) that by "emptied himself" Paul did not mean that Jesus was bereft of any divine attributes, but merely that he "poured out" these divine attributes for service to others. The point is worth consideration. If true, it removes the passage from the Kenotic controversy.

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Development of Religion and Thought in Ancient Egypt: Lectures Delivered on the Morse Foundation at Union Theological Seminary. By James Henry Breasted, Ph.D., Professor of Egyptology and Oriental History in the University of Chicago, Corresponding Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Berlin. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1912. xviii+379 pages. \$1.50 net.

Back of the Egyptian "Book of the Dead" lie the "Pyramid Texts," which the few students as yet competent to speak date earlier than 2,500 B. C. On the basis of these "texts" Dr. Breasted has prepared these lectures in which he seeks to trace the religious thought and worship of Egypt. If these dates are correct we here get in touch with the oldest human documents and it is surely fascinating to enter into communion with such ancients and find them so much like later men in the development of their thought of the things of the soul.

Confessedly Dr. Breasted had too little time after these "texts" became accessible for such study as would enable him to speak with finality, and his treatment suggests that a theory of the religious evolution in Ancient Egypt similar to that of Israel in the light of modern criticism was too soon adopted. One fears that such a scheme is at least in part imposed upon the history, and not wholly discovered therein. At any rate this will