

charts, nine being devoted to the Gospels and four to the Acts of the Apostles, while six visualize the Epistles and one the Book of Revelation. The final chart presents a General Survey of the Bible. The charts are designed to relate the Bible facts and events in a condensed and comprehensive way. They will prove the most valuable part of the book to some types of mind while some students will derive a great benefit from the explanatory notes which are never prolix and are usually illuminating. The Chart Bible is a product of Bible teaching and is well adapted to drill and class work.

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Die Schriften des Alten Testaments in Auswahl neu übersetzt und für die Gegenwart erklärt. Von Prof. Lic. Dr. Hugo Gressmann usw. Lieferung 6-10. Göttingen. Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 1911. May be had of Lemcke & Buecher, New York.

Dr. Gressmann contributes the Doppel-Lieferung, 6 and 7, on Israel's Oldest Historical Writing and Prophecy. The Eighth Lieferung is by Hermann Gunkel on the Earliest History and the Patriarchs with an Introduction to the Five Books of Moses and the Legends in Genesis. The ninth Lieferung contains the Lyric of the Old Testament by Prof. Stärk. In the tenth Lieferung, Hans Schmidt discusses the Major Prophets and their Time.

The translation of the Hebrew Scriptures into German is well done, and the introductions to various books and periods embody the newest views in literary and historical criticism. The translation and notes are designed for popular use. The present work is one fruit of the movement among German theological scholars to bring the latest results of research within reach of the average man.

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Biblical Geography and History. By Charles Foster Kent, Ph. D. With Maps. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1911. \$1.50 net.

Professor Kent and his publishers have placed students of the Bible under new obligations by the preparation and publication of this excellent manual. It is a fine companion volume for "The Historical Bible," by the same author. Geography has come to be rightly regarded as the foundation of all history. Moreover, geography has come to be defined as a description; not only of the earth and of its influences upon man's development, but also of the

solar, atmospheric and geological forces which throughout millions of years have given the earth its present form. "Hence," the author well says, "in its deeper meaning, geography is a description of the Divine character and purpose expressing itself through natural forces, in the physical contour of the earth, in the animate world, and, above all, in the life and activities of man." Biblical geography, then, may be said to be "the first and in many ways the most important chapter in that divine revelation, which was perfected through the Hebrew race and recorded in the Bible." No other commentary upon the Bible is so practical and luminous. It is not a study by itself, but the natural introduction to all other Biblical studies.

The work in no sense aspires to be a rival of such great works as the *Historical Geography of the Holy Land* and the two massive volumes on *Jerusalem* by George Adam Smith, but modestly essays to meet the demand for a more compact manual, better suited to the use of the Bible teacher, in the seminary class-room and in the Bible-class. It aims to furnish just the information that every teacher of the Bible should possess in order to do the most effective work—the geographical data with which every student must be familiar in order intelligently to interpret and fully to appreciate the ancient Scriptures. The author, accordingly, presents here, first, the physical geography of the Biblical lands and then traces in broad and luminous outlines the history of Israel and of early Christianity in close conjunction with their geographical background. He acknowledges the debt he owes to "the valiant army of pioneers and explorers who have penetrated every part of the Biblical world and given us the results of their observations; but one of the shining merits of the volume is that it embodies the results of many months of travel and observation in the lands of the Eastern Mediterranean, and especially in Palestine, by the author himself, during 1892 and 1910. Additional value is added to the work by its fine maps, complete bibliography and index, and its arrangement in Appendix II, by which 140 stereographs, or stereoptican slides, are put at the disposal of the student, to illustrate the most important events of Biblical geography and history.

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