

tific exegesis of the Old Testament passages in the light of their context. He does not hesitate to apply to our Lord Jesus Christ any Scripture that is so applied in the New Testament. Referring to the story of Philip and the eunuch, the author calls attention to the fact that in the early days of the church every Christian, and most of all every converted Jew, would see in the 53d chapter of Isaiah a picture of the sufferings, death and triumph of the Christ. He then adds the following remark: "But if we imagine some modern destructive critic sitting in the chariot with the Ethiopian instead of St. Philip, we sometimes find ourselves wondering when the distinguished Treasurer of Queen Candace would have heard the name of Jesus Christ". Dr. Randolph, while repudiating a mere mechanical conception of inspiration and prophecy, seeks to avoid the opposite extreme of emptying the Old Testament Scripture of all real predictions of the Christ.

In mechanical execution the volume is worthy of the excellent publishing firm of Longmans, Green & Co.

JOHN R. SAMPEY.

**Books for Old Testament Study.** An annotated list for popular and professional use.

By John Merlin Powis Smith. University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1908. Postpaid, 54 cents. Pages 70.

Dr. Smith is an able representative of the Radical School of Old Testament scholars, of which Kuenen in Holland and Wellhausen in Germany have been the foremost leaders. The work of the members of this school, such as Stade, Cornill, Cheyne, Toy, H. P. Smith, Duhm, Marti, etc., receives the highest commendation. A good deal of faint praise is bestowed upon the representatives of the Mediating School, their scholarship receiving due recognition, but their fondness for retaining as much as possible of their inherited views receiving due castigation. Most representatives of the Conservative School may thank their stars if they escape with the skin of their teeth. If the student who uses this list only knows in advance the theological and philosophical presuppositions of the author, he can use this booklet with profit. He should bear

in mind, however, that he is consulting the brief of a very able attorney for the so-called progressive criticism. We have found a careful perusal of the lists exceedingly interesting. In discussing commentaries on the Psalter, the author has this to say of that masterful interpreter of Scripture, who has done so much to illumine the Psalms for the modern preacher: "Maclaren is wholly homiletical and traditional." We should like to say in this connection that the busy pastor, if he happens to have access to this list, would do well to purchase those books which fall under the author's displeasure as "traditional", "timid", and "conservative". JOHN R. SAMPEY.

**Speakers for God.** Being plain lectures on the Minor Prophets.

By Rev. Thomas McWilliam, M. A. Eaton & Mains, New York, 1907. \$1.00 net. Pages 356.

Mr. McWilliam is minister of New Byth, Aberdeenshire. He has attempted in a series of lectures to present the mission and message of the twelve minor prophets in the light of recent scientific criticism. He follows in the main such writers as W. R. Smith, George Adam Smith and Cornill. He places after Malachi the book of Joel, Zechariah 9—14, and Jonah. He follows the general trend of the writers whom he takes as his guides in calling in question the genuineness of all passages whose historical setting cannot be fully recovered. He has a keen appreciation of the work of the prophets on behalf of civic righteousness. The moral and spiritual teaching of these ancient writers is set forth with clearness and force. It is not necessary that one should follow the author in his critical theories in order to gain stimulus and suggestion for the public exposition of the prophetic Scriptures.

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C. NEW TESTAMENT.

**Canon and Text of the New Testament.**

By Casper René Gregory. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price \$2.50 net. Pages 539.

Here at last is a vital and masterly work on the Canon of the New Testament by an American, one who has been pronounced the foremost of American Biblical scholars, and one