

conclusion so successfully that one cannot escape the feeling that the address is a "Tendenzschrift," that it was written for this express purpose. However, it is a brief but valuable contribution to an interesting and important theme.

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The Relation of John Wiclif and the Lollards to the Friars. Being the Dissertation Presented to the University of Heidelberg for the Degree of Doctor of Theology, by Arthur Dakin. London. The Kingsgate Press, 1911. Pages x+80. 25 cents.

Dr. Dakin has well justified the Baptist Union in sending him to Germany, by examining this interesting side of Wiclif's career. He even claims that it was at the time the most important, and that the controversy on the Mass was eagerly seized in order to obscure the real aim of the Reformer. The new Friars of the thirteenth century had met with opposition from the parish priests; as they degenerated they had to encounter internal criticism from those true to the ideals of Francis; but Wiclif not only adopted these lines of opposition, he attacked the very idea of friars' begging, and said they were a lazy class, fattening on the industrious workers; he attacked their ideal of poverty, their tawdry sermons, their schismatic position in the one "sect of Christ." The rebellion of 1381 brought the friars and the clergy into line against him, but under Henry IV the Lollards found public opinion with them against the mendicants. Such is Dr. Dakin's new thesis, and he supports it with many contemporary illustrations.

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