

pensated for by the pervading presence of a low ethical standard. No wonder "Luther wished the book did not exist". Taking it as it stands, the commentator has illumined it with many acute remarks, and produces a good aid for those who do not insist on reading religion into the book. W. T. WHITLEY.

The Heart of the Old Testament. A Manual for Christian Students. By John R. Sampey, D.D., LL.D. Published by the Sunday School Board, S. B. C., Nashville, Tenn. Price 50 cents post-paid.

For a long time there has been a pressing need for a condensed account of the teaching of the Old Testament for use in Young People's Societies, Sunday schools, academies, high schools and colleges. The writer of this review has been requested many times to suggest a suitable book of this kind, and it has been difficult to respond favorably to such requests. Dr. Sampey has given us a capital condensed presentation of the Old Testament teaching, within the compass of 283 pages. The outline of chapters indicates the method of treatment. The chapter titles are as follows: The Beginnings; The Patriarchal Period; Job, the Sorely Tried Saint; The Era of Moses and Joshua; The Law; The Period of the Judges; David and the Psalms; Solomon and the Proverbs; The Early Kings and Prophets; The Golden Age of Prophecy; Drifting Toward Captivity; The Exile; The Restoration; A Bird's-eye View of the Bible.

The style is direct and clear. Dr. Sampey makes the Old Testament history live before us. His characterizations are brief, but suggestive, and he sums up great periods in a few telling sentences. The reader obtains a distinct impression from each chapter, and when he finishes the reading of these pages he is conscious that he has been moving through history that is alive at every point and full of divine power. The book will undoubtedly have a very wide sphere of usefulness as a text-book in the ways indicated above, as well as a wide circulation for general reading. The book meets a real want and will be welcomed by thousands.

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