

## BOOK REVIEWS.

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**Wellhausen und Johannes.** Von Caspar René Gregory, [Professor in the University of Leipzig]. Leipzig, 1910, pp. 76.

Professor Gregory has done good service in turning aside from his engrossing labors of so many kinds in connection with the New Testament to prepare and publish this pamphlet. Professor Wellhausen, eminent for his Old Testament work, has of late turned his attention to the New Testament, and the last of his investigations as to the Gospels naturally relates to the Fourth Gospel. He holds that whatever of John's work may lie at the basis of the Gospel has been thoroughly reworked, modified, rearranged and greatly enlarged by a "Redactor" or a series of "Redactors". This position he attempts to demonstrate by examination of the language and the order to be found in the Gospel. Professor Gregory comes to the defence of the Gospel, for, as he says, "who should defend a Gospel, if not a New Testament teacher? Indeed, I am under obligation to do it, and I do it gladly". (p. 69).

The method of his defence is simple. He takes up in turn the assertions of Wellhausen and shows that his work is wholly out of touch with the facts of common affairs; that his assertions as to what should be expected in such a book are merely the fancies of a scholar in his study, proved worthless when tested in the light and open air of real life. Indeed the picture which Gregory draws of the career of "the typical scholar, especially a theologian" in a chair in a German University, is as suggestive as it is amusing (see p. 4 & 5). The manner of the work is as admirable as its method. With a courtesy to Wellhausen which never once fails Gregory yet dissects his

assertions with absolute mercilessness, even going so far as to urge that certain apparent discrepancies show that the work of Wellhausen must itself have been revised and modified by a "redactor". This is an ideal example of how "to be severe and at the same time parliamentary".

It is to be hoped that this little work may set at rest any minds which may have been to any extent perturbed by the work of Wellhausen and such as he. And at the same time it cannot but raise the question, "If Wellhausen's assertions as to the New Testament are so untrustworthy, what would be the result if his Old Testament assertions were tested by the same touchstone?"

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**Theologischer Jahresbericht.** Das Neue Testament. Bearbeitet von Brückner und Knopf. 1910. Preis M. 4.75. M. Heinsius Nachfolger, Leipzig, Germany.

Nowhere do I find so full and adequate a list of the year's output of books as in the "*Theologischer Jahresbericht*". The lists are well analyzed. Under each division the works occur in alphabetical order and the essential facts about each book are given. In the case of the more important pertinent comments follow. The list of topics treated includes important articles in the theological magazines. The labor involved is very great and the result exceedingly helpful.

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**Job and His New Theology.** By Joseph Dawson, Author of "The Face of a Soul", "The Man in the Pen", "The Soul of the Sermon", etc. London. 1909. Duckworth & Co. Pages xv+176. Price 2 shillings 6 pence net.

The author of this work has needlessly condemned it by getting Rev. R. J. Campbell to write an "Introduction" to it, and by adopting—as an afterthought—a title that seems to connect it with the vagaries of that somewhat brilliant and erratic preacher. To be sure, the author does object to the Christian doctrine of sin and professes to hope that "we shall