

tan poems published in the volume before us. He afterwards visited Palestine again, and secured copies of other valuable Samaritan poems dealing with the Messiah and eschatology. He speaks in kind terms concerning the Samaritan high priest, who assisted him in his effort to secure manuscripts that might prove interesting to the scholarly world. The reviewer had the pleasure of drinking tea in the home of the Samaritan high priest Jacob Aaron in May, 1897, and can bear witness to his courtesy to foreigners.

Dr. Merx prints in the square character the original Samaritan poems, and appends a German translation, together with remarks upon the significance of the various poems. It is not easy to discover the origin of the Samaritan Messianic hopes. From John 4:25 it seems evident that the Samaritans in the time of our Lord were expecting the advent of the Messiah. Professor Merx has done more perhaps than any other scholar to make known the Samaritan doctrine of the Messiah.

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The Old Testament History. By the Rev. F. Ernest Spencer, M.A. Longmans, Green & Co., London. 1909. Pages 128.

Mr. Spencer believes in the trustworthiness of the Old Testament history, and his little book will help others to retain their faith in a day when many are assailing the Old Testament from every possible point of attack. The author is familiar with the best literature, and is not afraid to speak a good word for the Old Testament historians.

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Die Schriften des Alten Testaments in Auswahl neu übersetzt und für die Gegenwart erklärt. Von Prof. Lic. Dr. Hugo Gressmann, etc. 2 Lieferung. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen. 1909. (To be had also of Lemcke & Beuchner, New York.)

The second *Lieferung* of this popular study of portions of the Old Testament begins with a continuation of the history of Saul and David, and then takes up the religious poetry of the Old Testament. A goodly number of the most popular psalms are translated and explained. The contributors belong to the