

BOOK REVIEWS

I. BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION.

Is the Bible The Inerrant Word of God. By R. A. Torrey. George Doran Co., Publishers, New York. 185 pages, Price \$1.50 net.

Dr. Torrey is one of the world's leading champions of fundamental Christian doctrines. He boldly challenges the critical view of our Bible. He writes on the one question that is agitating the churches to-day more than any other i. e. Is the Bible the Word of God? If the Bible is not brought back to its proper place of appreciation in the lives of the people the outlook for our work at home and for our missionary work abroad is most appalling. The book is a popular treatment of the subject but it is indeed helpful and suggestive. Many will be grateful to Dr. Torrey for this timely study of an important subject.

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The Approach To the New Testament. By James Moffatt, D.D., D. Litt. Doran Co., New York. Price \$3.00. 240 pages.

This volume attempts to lay before the educated public an outline of the present position of the New Testament in the light of modern criticism. The author is careful from the first to the last to present the lasting significance of the New Testament for personal faith and social ideals. The aim is to show how one should approach this great literature from the proper angle and thus be enabled to see it in its true perspective. The author is eminently fitted to do this. The following chapter headings suggest the contents of the book:

First Impressions of the New Testament: The Origin and

Meaning of the Name; The Old Testament in the New; The New Testament in the Christian Church, etc.

The book is a storehouse of valuable information and suggestions. The author has much to say of the historical method; This is not a new method, Luke used it. However there is danger in it as well as advantages. Too often the method only leaves us amid the debris of an historical framework. This is the danger of Dr. Moffatt. The author does however point out the limitations of the historical method in these words,—“Few passages of the New Testament are read with more difficulty and questioning than the narrative of the resurrection of Jesus, once the historical temper has been aroused,”—“we are alive to their inconsistencies and contradictions.” The author is aware of the existence of an “order” of critics who leave everything “tentative, precarious, unreliable.” The author is not of that type, but notice the following: “Fictions are sometimes facts of real importance.” page 186. He has in mind Bauer’s statement about the Resurrection. Again, “The belief that Moses wrote the entire Pentateuch is unhistorical.” Such “unhistorical” data must be reckoned with as “the belief that John wrote the Fourth Gospel or that the Apostle Paul composed the epistles to Timothy and Titus.” It is unfortunate that a book of such worth as this one should so often smack of the untenable orthodoxy of radical critics.

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A System of Christian Evidence. By Leander S. Keyser, D.D. The Lutheran Literary Board, Burlington, Ia. 250 pages. Price \$1.75.

This is the second edition of this work, though greatly enlarged. The author is evangelical and conservative in his views. He strikes hard blows against present day rationalism and negative Biblical criticism. The book is readable throughout, will be of great value in elementary schools and colleges and may be read with great profit by layman. Part II, “The Bible a Special Revelation” is especially valuable.

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