We are always glad of a new book about Paul by Sir W. M. Ramsay. The subject has continual fascination for him. He states that every paragraph in the present volume has been pondered for years. Dr. Ramsay came to the study of Paul from a non-theological point of view and with a rich store of geographical and eschatological lore. Hence he has greatly enriched our knowledge of Paul's time. In the present book he maintains his position that Paul was a man of genius, culture, and tremendous personality and vigorously combats Deissmann's notion (cf. his *St. Paul*) that Paul was a mere tent-maker without scholastic training or remarkable intellectual gifts, a religious genius but no more. My own sympathies are with the view of Ramsay. I do not think that Deissmann makes good his picture of Paul. Ramsay undertakes to modernize the teaching of Paul in terms of men of culture to-day so that they may both understand his philosophy and theology. He does it with consummate ability, it is needless to say, and with great human interest and love for Paul.

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Über die Pastoralbriefe. Von Dr. Hans Helmut Mayer. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen, Germany, 1913. 89 pp. 2 M. 80 pf.

Dr. Mayer is not certain that one man is the author of the Pastoral Epistles (p. 21). He is satisfied that Paul is not the writer and devotes a third of the space to a discussion of the language of these Epistles to prove their non-Pauline character. He has not seen the recent papers of Ramsay and Bartlet in *The Expositor* in advocacy of the Pauline authorship. There is here a careful collection of linguistic material at any rate, whatever one thinks of the conclusion. The vagueness of Mayer as to the authorship and unity of the books gives much uncertainty to his exegetical comments.

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The Greater Men and Women of the Bible. Edited by the Rev. James Hastings, D.D. Vol. I. Adam-Joseph. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1913. xii+517 pp.

Of making many cyclopedias and dictionaries there is no end, and Dr. Hastings' name as editor is assurance of ability

and high quality of work. The series of volumes of which the one under review is the first is a sort of dictionary of scriptural biography. Only the more important characters are to find treatment. It is to be distinctly a preacher's work, designed to furnish accurate and up-to-date information concerning the characters treated, accompanied by fresh and stimulating illustrations. The treatment takes account of the latest results of biblical study in all its departments, and draws its illustrations from lately published books so as not to be entirely threadbare.

The characters treated in this first volume are Adam, Abel, Abraham, Cain, Enoch, Esau, Eve, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Melchizedek, Noah, Rebekah and Sarah. These names will indicate what characters are likely to be selected in succeeding volumes. The treatment of some of these characters is extensive and detailed. For example 226 pages are devoted to Abraham. The treatment is uniformly able and suggestive, though the interpretation, especially with reference to sin and the fall, is not entirely Scriptural and satisfactory, as it seems to the reviewer. The illustrative material is selected from a great variety of books and is uniformly of high quality. It constitutes nearly half the text.

Ministers will undoubtedly find these volumes very suggestive and helpful in the preparation of sermons on the leading characters of the Bible. This kind of preaching is very attractive, especially to young people, and it is to be hoped that this work will lead to a revival in its use.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

Devotional Readings; A Scrap Book. By Mrs. Anna Head, Calhoun, La. Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, 1913.

The spirit that pervades this unpretentious little volume is above criticism. "My desire," says the author, "is that Christians may be strengthened and encouraged and God's name glorified." One hundred brief chapters are devoted to this worthy end. The first on "Our Father" breathes the spirit and may indicate the method of them all: "There is enough balm in the two first words of the prayer our Lord taught his dis-