

famous Scotch Presbyterian scholar of Edinburgh, he frankly admits that Jesus was immersed and shows how in the west pouring and sprinkling gradually supplanted immersion in cases "where immersion is inconvenient or impossible. The Eastern Church has in the main adhered to the primitive form." "But theoretically the form of Baptism by immersion was retained alike in the Roman, the Anglican, and the Presbyterian Churches." He points out also that sprinkling "fails to indicate the dying to sin and rising to righteousness." Nor does he even mention infant baptism. Let this suffice as a sample of the honest work to be found in the volume. Certainly Baptists can well afford to buy and use it widely. Dr. Hastings has in hand also a Dictionary of Religion and Philosophy which will complete the circle of his great series of dictionaries. The mischief of it is, too, that he makes them so valuable that one has to have them.

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Handbuch zum Neuen Testament. Fünfter Band. Praktische Auslegung des Neuen Testaments in 2 Halbbänden. Allgemeine Einleitung (aus dem 1 Halbband) und An die Römer (aus dem 2 Halbband).

Von Lic. F. Niebergall, Privatdocent in Heidelberg. Verlag von J. C. B. Mohr. (Paul Siebeck, Tübingen, Germany. 1906. Pr. M. 1.80. Geb. (Subscription). M. 1.60.

It is to be noted that in this new New Testament Handbook, of which the commentary on Romans by Lietzmann was recently reviewed in this quarterly, a separate practical commentary is presented by Niebergall. In England Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll is editing the Devotional and Practical Commentary, several volumes of which have appeared. This is not exactly after the order of the old pulpit commentaries. The new kind of "practical" commentary is designed for all classes of Christians as an aid to the spiritual life. It is significant that Germany, the land of severe criticism, has responded to this demand. Niebergall is necessarily brief in his treat-

ment, but by the omission of critical questions, which are discussed by Lietzmann, he is able to pack into a few pages a great deal of helpful and suggestive matter.

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Die Text des Neuen Testamentes nach seiner geschichtlichen Entwicklung.

Von August Pott. G. B. Teubner, Leipzig, Germany. 1906. Pr. 1 M. Geb. 1.25 M.

In 108 pages Mr. Pott has packed a great deal of information in the light of modern research on the subject of the New Testament Text. He is a little too positive (S. 25) that Gnosticism has left its impress on the New Testament. The book as an actual guide to the study of the subject fails in its meagre treatment of the method of the science (S. 54-60). The student is hardly put in a position to use the science. But it is a splendid preparation for the study if one will pursue his work in the larger books. This is doubtless all that the author aimed to do. Eight plates give a good idea of some of the most important early manuscripts. One who is familiar with the subject will be interested in the fresh handling of the facts here given. Progress is continually being made in this field of investigation.

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Palastina und seine Geschichte. Sechs volkstümliche Vorträge.

Von Prof. D. H. Freiherr von Sodon, mit zwei Karten, einem Plan von Jerusalem und sechs Ansichten des heiligen Landes. Zweite verbesserte Auflage. B. G. Teubner, Berlin.

This little book of slightly more than 100 pages contains six popular lectures of the distinguished author on "Palestine and its History" shortly after his return from an extensive tour in the land. The author looks at the land and its history broadly, avoiding detail and unimportant matters. His profound knowledge of the history of the Orient, his familiarity with the land, his power of description, his comprehension of the relation between the land and its history make this a very valuable com-