

It would take too much space to sample fairly the methods and results of the author. But a few sentences, though merely "obiter dicta," deserve quotation and attention. Mr. Vail says (p. 12): "To use the same elocution in reading an oration of Daniel Webster and a hymn of Frances Havergal is to botch one or both of them. The same is true when we substitute for these names the names Mark and John. Probably the average preacher fails in nothing more than in reading the Bible as the leader of an assembly. He needs as thorough training in elocution for reading the Bible as for preaching the sermon, or for the whole range of homiletics, unless his own words are of more importance to his hearers than the words of God are."

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The Gospel According to Saint Mark, with Introduction and Notes. Edited by the Ven. W. C. Allen, M.A., Archdeacon of Manchester, and Principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester; Formerly Chaplain-Fellow and Lecturer in Theology and Hebrew of Exeter College, Oxford. New York, 1915. The Macmillan Company. xvi+208 pp. and map. \$2.00 net.

To begin with, one finds here a very desirable commentary. Its Introduction, while not elaborate, is learned and critical and maintains with calm assurance the conservative view. It is a commentary dealing with external, critical questions rather than with the life and spirit of the Gospel. Much attention is, therefore, given to details of text, construction, etc. While stoutly maintaining the ecumenical ideal of Jesus and therefore initially repudiating all prejudice against supernaturalism the work does not adhere with firmness to this principle in detail. The note about the *evil spirits and the swine* in connection with the *Gadarene demoniac*, rejecting the reality of the spirits is ludicrously absurd. But, such points aside, the work is one of fine scholarship and very useful, indeed, for critical study.

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The Mysticism of St. John's Gospel. The Hulsean Lectures for 1915-1916. By Herbert A. Watson, D.D. Robert Scott, Paternoster Row, London. 1916. 186 pp. 3s. 6d. net.