

V. BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

New Testament History and Literature. By Charles B. Williams, B.D., Ph.D., D.D., Dean and Professor of the Greek New Testament and New Testament Theology in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The Western Baptist Publishing Company, Kansas City, Mo., 1917. 304 pp. \$1.75.

In the first 40 pages of this book are helpfully grounded the facts which are most important for the student to grasp and carry with him for the understanding of New Testament times and their relation to Christianity. In 23 pages is given "A Birds-eye View of the Life of Christ," and 35 pages are devoted to a similar sketch of the early life and the apostolic labors of Paul. The other two-thirds of the book is given to a survey of the New Testament books in their order, and the author has succeeded well in his attempt to give a simple but illuminating introduction to these books. Practically all the great problems in introduction at the present day and the principal solutions which have been proposed are given together with a summary of the arguments for and against them. While Professor Williams' own conclusions are invariably conservative, there can scarcely be criticism of the fairness of his statement of the views which he does not accept. The chief names on both sides of the various theories discussed are constantly mentioned, and in a very helpful way, although it may appear to some that undue importance is given to Baur and the long since dead and gone Tübingen School, and not enough to Harnack who, for example, is not even mentioned in the discussion of the date of Acts. This book may be heartily recommended, not only to theological students, for whom it was presumably prepared, but also to all pastors and Sunday School workers, and, indeed, to any who wish to know more about the New Testament. By its simplicity, accuracy, breadth and fairness, it merits wide use.

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The Consciousness of Jesus. By Horace M. DuBose. The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati: Smith and Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., 1917. 144 pp. 75 cts. net.