

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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