

The Bible in the Making in the Light of Modern Research. By J. Paterson Smyth, B.D., Litt.D., D.C.L. James Pott & Co., New York. 1914. 211 pp. 75c net.

The author of "How We Got Our Bible" puts the English reading world under fresh obligation in giving us this larger book, dealing with questions which lie back of those dealt with in his first work and, in view of the mental disquiet caused by Higher Criticism, more vital and important: How did men first get this collection of writings which we call the Bible? What were the ultimate beginnings of them? Had any of them existence before they were put into present form? Who wrote them? Who collected them? Who selected them? What tests were applied? How is it that these particular books and no others of a wider literature came to be regarded as specially inspired and sacred and at last collected into an authoritative Bible? It will be seen that the story of the making of the Bible is far more radical and far-reaching than the story of how we got our Bible, *i. e.*, the tracing of the history of the transmission and translation of the Scriptures through the centuries until they appear in the printed forms and in the various revisions known to us of today. The story is told, as everything Dr. Smyth gives us is told, in such simple, lucid, engaging style that even a child can enjoy it. The author evidently has made wide and thoughtful preparation for his work, is frank and fearless, but always reverent and devout, and the result is distinctly constructive rather than destructive. The book contains nothing new or startling to the scholar, but it will bring to many a thoughtful reader, puzzled over questions of the Higher Criticism, a knowledge and interpretation of facts and a spiritual appreciation of these ancient Scriptures, which will enable him to moor himself more firmly than ever on the Bible as the Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture.

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