

Selbie comes to a great place as the successor of Principal Fairbairn. He bids fair to make a great place for himself.

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The Earliest Sources for the Life of Jesus. By F. Crawford Burkitt, M.A., D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. 1910. Pages 131. Price 50 cents net.

Prof. Burkitt is an expert in synoptic criticism and writes in this handbook with great ability and acuteness. He recognizes the priority of Mark and places Mark and Q as the two main sources of Matthew and Luke. Q is obtained in part from the agreement between Matthew and Luke. I do not think that Dr. Burkitt is disposed to do justice to the historical knowledge of Mark. The confusion in the matter of Abiathar the high priest (Mk. 2:26) is found in the text of the Old Testament (see Swete on Mk. 2:26). It is by no means as certain that Mark is in error as to the date of the last passover as Burkitt assumes. But the work is ably done.

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The Fourth Gospel in Research and Debate. A Series of Essays and Problems Concerning the Origin and Value of the Anonymous Writings Attributed to the Apostle John. By Benjamin Wisner Bacon, D.D. LL. D., Buckingham Professor of New Testament Criticism and Exegesis in Yale University. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. Pages 544. Price \$4.00 net.

Prof. Bacon is in an apologetic frame of mind. He confesses to timidity (p. viii.) in going up against Lightfoot, Sanday and James Drummond on the Johannine Question. He is confident that his cause is just. One might think from the title that Professor Bacon enters the lists as an impartial investigator, but he is rather a doughty champion of the Non-Johannine authorship. He does examine with microscopic care the external and internal evidence, but it is the evident purpose to find a case against the Johannine claims. Prof. Bacon is no mean antagonist, for he is thoroughly equipped and skillful in the use of his weapons. He knows how to stick