

BOOK REVIEWS

I. BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

Gospel Origins. A Study in the Synoptic Problem. By the Rev. W. W. Holdsworth, M.A., Tutor in N. T. Language and Literature in Handsworth College. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York. 211 pages. 75 cents.

Professor Holdsworth's book belongs to the "Studies in Theology" series and is a fresh handling of the complicated synoptic question. He calls Mark "Proto-Mark," Matthew "Deutero-Mark," and Luke "Trito-Mark." He finds the solution not in oral tradition, but in the documentary hypothesis. While confident, he is not dogmatic in his position. The book is a good introduction to the modern aspects of the difficulties of the synoptic question.

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The Life of Jesus in the Light of the Higher Criticism. By Alfred W. Martin. D. Appleton & Co., New York, 1913. 280 pages. \$1.62.

Dr. Martin is a co-worker of Dr. Felix Adler in the Society for Ethical Culture. He holds that Jesus was satisfied with the Jewish religion at its best, and was in no sense responsible "for that congeries of systems seen in the sects of Christianity" (p. 252). He holds Paul responsible for the worship of Jesus, and thus the perverter of the Christianity of Christ. There is plenty more of the same sort, but this is enough to let one see the author's point of view. He knows very little about Paul and still less about Jesus.

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