

supplementary notes have been added by Mr. Louchester. The work thus remains substantially as it appeared in 1897 from the pen of Professor Driver. The editor is to be commended for his modesty in introducing a minimum of changes in the commentary.

Students who possess a copy of Dr. Skinner's first edition of *Isaiah*, Chapter I-XXXIX, which appeared in 1896, will welcome the revised edition of 1915, for the new edition not only adapts the comments to the text of the *Canterbury Revision* of 1885, but incorporates much additional material. Moreover, the valuable Introduction has been almost entirely rewritten, and embodies the fruits of nearly twenty years' additional study of the roll of *Isaiah*. Since the publication of the first edition of Dr. Skinner's commentary in 1896, there have appeared new editions of Dillmann and Duham and new commentaries by Marti, Whitehouse, Condamin and Gray. Other important works in Old Testament study have thrown light upon the prophecies of *Isaiah*. Dr. Skinner has made good use of the newer literature, and has brought his treatment up to date. His discussion of the theological ideas of *Isaiah* have been recognized as masterly, and now he gives more careful attention to the historical situation and political developments of *Isaiah's* times. Dr. Skinner's volume is an excellent aid to the busy student who wishes a sane treatment in moderate compass by a reverent critical scholar.

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**A Pocket Lexicon to the New Testament.** By Alexander Souter, M.A. Sometime Yates Professor of New Testament Greek and Exegesis in Mansfield College. Oxford, 1916, Clarendon Press. 290 pp. 3s. net; India paper, 5s. net.

This is a splendid little lexicon with many admirable qualities. The author says that in seeking "to give the forms of Greek words in the New Testament and their meanings as exactly as possible, according to the best knowledge available at the present time" he has "studied unity throughout, omitting matters connected with declension, conjugation, gender, etc., and

even references to passages in the New Testament itself, except in cases where the reader might be left in doubt which of two or more senses to choose."

Words and ideas borrowed from other languages and their source are indicated. It is a great pity the roots of Greek words are not given.

The English equivalents of verbs are given in first person to correspond with the Greek. The infinitives of both languages would be better but this is an improvement over most lexicons.

New Testament references could have been given for almost all words without adding ten pages to the book and would be a decided help. For the most part the English equivalents are splendidly chosen. Sometimes the author has been unduly influenced by etymology or by classical usage.

*διακονία* does not mean "waiting at table," nor the verb "to wait at table." To define *ἀμαρτήμα* and *ἀμαρτία* both as "a sin" is a curious oversight. *νόμος* is inadequately defined. The handling of *βαπτίζειν* would be amusing if it were not an unfaithful handling of a sacred matter. What sense is there to "dipping (whether immersion or affusion)"? What sort of thing is "affusion dipping"? If Christian men will substitute another ordinance for baptism why not say so frankly and not seek to deceive themselves by such contradictions as 'dipping by affusion'?

The handling of *ἐκκλησία* shows a remarkable lack of thoroughness. The definition of *Χριστός* is extended but by no means sets forth the facts.

The work at many points confirms the intimations of the preface that it was hurriedly done. It represents fine scholarship inadequately applied. It is the best New Testament word-book available.

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**The Epistle to the Ephesians.** Edited by Rev. J. O. F. Murray, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge. With Notes and Introduction. Cambridge University Press, 1914. CIII-|-151 pp. 3s. 6d. net.

This is a volume of The Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges.