

Kingdom of God and was not entirely sure that He was to introduce it. The critical views of Dr. McNeile are surely radical enough for any modern, and he handles the material in the gospel very freely and picks out legends and apocryphal additions at will, though he upholds the reality of miracles. There is more emphasis on the historical and less on the grammatical. Dr. Denney concedes it to be the best commentary on Matthew, but I do not so regard it. I find Plummer and Broadus the most useful and Zahn the most exhaustive. But both McNeile and Allen have merits of their own and surely now no one can complain of a lack of up-to-date commentaries on the first Gospel. The chief defect in McNeile's book, as I have already shown, is his complete acceptance of Schweitzer's eschatological interpretation of Christ's teaching. That element is present, but it is not the dominant note.

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The Lord's Prayer. By J. W. Thirtle, LL.D., D.D. Morgan and Scott, Ltd. 286 pp. 5s. net.

This is the fruitage of years, and yields richly to him who will gather. The prayer was taught by no priest or scribe, and so the exposition by a layman is specifically appropriate. Emphasis is laid on the spiritual and edifying qualities, while yet there is a wealth of scholarship regulating the study. The sustained comparison with Hebrew liturgies is novel, and most instructive in its contrasts. Frequently there are new suggestions from passages of Scripture not usually connected, as for example, that "Abba" is the title of the prayer, already standard when Paul wrote. Not only is there detailed attention to every word, but illuminating summaries are given:—Within the Church are His ordinances, The Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Supper; towards the world are two more, preaching and baptism. While predecessors are freely quoted, this study is as original as it is helpful.

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A Commentary on the Gospel According to Mark. By Melancthon W. Jacobus, D.D., Dean of the Faculty and Hosmer Professor of New Testament Exegesis, Hartford Theological Seminary. New York, 1915, The Macmillan Company. IX-|-259 pp. 75 cts.