

concise and interesting as is here provided. The evidence is given from first-hand information and with Dr Johns's usual caution, and a careful study of his book will prevent any promiscuous reliance upon 'objective data' which is often indulged in. In making this remark I have in mind his weighty words on the value and credibility of the Assyrian records (chap. i), where he points out the necessity of applying 'criticism' even to the monuments. It may be noticed, in passing, that Muşri, mentioned in the inscriptions of the latter part of the eighth century B.C., is, in some cases, 'probably not Egypt', a conspicuous example being Seve, more familiar to us as So, king of Egypt (Mizraim). In this, of course, Dr Johns is in agreement with prevailing opinion, although naturally this does not mean that he or any one else subscribes to all the efforts that have been made to find this Muşri or Mizraim outside the limits of Egypt proper. A companion volume on Ancient Babylonia is announced.

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NEW TESTAMENT.

By his *Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel according to St Matthew*,¹ Dr A. Plummer provided a most useful aid to students and preachers who were anxious to get at the meaning of the First Gospel, without entering too deeply into the question of sources, which bulks so largely in Mr Allen's valuable volume in the *International Critical Commentary*. And now he has increased the debt by collaborating with the Bishop of Exeter in *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians*.² The Commentary is distinguished by all the features for which the International Series of Commentaries is known—a full Introduction, embracing all the subjects usually included under that title, a careful paraphrase of the Epistle verse by verse, excellent notes dealing with the text and its exegesis, and a clear statement of the historical and doctrinal problems which the varied contents suggest. In the lexical field good use has been made of the new light now available. And altogether there is probably no commentary on this, in some respects, the most interesting and important of all St Paul's Epistles, which the English student will find more generally helpful and stimulating.

In saying this, I am far from undervaluing the significance of Dr J. E. McFadyen's recently published volume,³ which is, however, constructed

¹ Elliot Stock, London, 1909.

² T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, 1911.

³ *The Epistles to the Corinthians with Notes and Comments* (Hodder & Stoughton, London), being the first volume of *The Interpreter's Commentary on the Epistles*.

on somewhat narrower, if novel, lines. The text of the Authorized Version is printed at the head of the page, and underneath the writer has supplied a new translation, marked out by black lettering from the continuous commentary in which it is embedded. This commentary is eminently readable, while based on an exact study of the Apostle's words, and enables the reader to get at the meaning of the Epistle as a whole, without those breaks and interruptions which are so apt to distract the sequence of thought in an ordinary commentary. It is to be hoped that Dr McFadyen's venture will meet with a success, which will encourage him to extend the same process to other books of the New Testament.

Of making of commentaries there is no end, and in Mr H. G. Grey's *St Paul's Epistle to the Romans*¹ we have the first instalment of yet another new series to be known as *The Readers' Commentary*, appearing under the editorship of Dr Dawson Walker and Dr Guy Warman. In this case the Revised Version, with such modifications as the Commentator has found necessary, is printed at the head of the page, and the text is annotated with brief but suggestive notes, which should prove very helpful to the busy pastor or Sunday School teacher. The Introduction is short, but space is found to discuss the literary relation of the last two chapters to the rest of the Epistle. The writer concludes emphatically for their genuineness as part of St Paul's original writing to the Romans.

The well-known series of short commentaries on the Revised Version issued by the Cambridge University Press for the use of schools has received several notable additions. Into the volume on *Thessalonians, I, 2 Timothy, Titus*, Mr H. W. Fulford has succeeded in packing a large amount of valuable information, a special excursus being devoted to 2 Thes. ii 3-12. Mr S. C. Carpenter's edition of *Corinthians I and II* may also be warmly recommended, while as regards Dr Walpole's commentary on *The Revelation of St John the Divine* it is sufficient to notice that it follows the line of exposition laid down by Dr Swete in his standard work, in order to commend it to all who desire guidance in the interpretation of this most difficult book.

Five volumes of a new edition, revised and enlarged, of the *Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools* have also appeared, comprising *Judges* by Dr J. Sutherland Black and *Ruth* by Dr A. W. Streane in one volume, *The First Book of the Kings* by Mr T. H. Hennessy, *The Book of Proverbs* by Mr J. R. Coates, *Joel and Amos* by Mr J. C. H. How, and *The Acts of the Apostles* by Mr H. C. O. Lanchester. The volumes, which are printed on a larger page and attractively bound,

¹ Robert Scott, London.

deserve to secure a new term of success for the most useful series to which they belong, especially in view of the very low price (1s. net) at which they are issued. As regards the Commentary on *Judges*, it may be of interest to recall that Dr Sutherland Black had the advice and assistance of Dr W. Robertson Smith on various points, and that shortly after its first appearance in 1892 the latter 'with pardonable, almost paternal, pride' wrote, "'Judges' looks very well. I daresay it will take people some time to discover that it is the principal Commentary on the book in the English language' (see *Life of William Robertson Smith*, p. 626).

G. MILLIGAN.

PATRISTICA.

Index Apologeticus sive Clavis Iustini Martyris Operum aliorumque Apologetarum pristinorum: composuit EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, Ph.D. (Hinrichs, Leipzig, 1912.)

FIVE years ago the present chronicler had pleasure in welcoming a complete index to the writings of the Apostolic Fathers by Professor Goodspeed (vol. ix pp. 137 f). He has now followed it up by a larger and even more indispensable work, a complete index to Justin Martyr, Quadratus, Aristides, Tatian, Melito, and Athenagoras. It would be impossible to exaggerate the value of such an index to students, and it is hoped that the self-denying labour of Dr Goodspeed and his co-workers will meet everywhere with that gratitude and recognition which they deserve.

Les Pères Apostoliques, IV: Le Pasteur d'Hermae . . ., par AUGUSTE LELONG. (Picard, Paris, 1912.)

Palladius, Histoire Lausique (Vies d'Ascètes et de Pères du Désert) . . . par A. LUCOT. (Picard, Paris, 1912.)

THE reason for bracketing these two works is that they both belong to the series, 'Textes et Documents pour l'étude historique du Christianisme.' The marked excellence of this series, which has now reached the sixteenth volume, has already been recognized by the JOURNAL in what I trust are adequate terms (vol. xi pp. 136 f, 145 f; vol. xiii pp. 145 ff).

It is a great boon to have an annotated edition of Hermae by itself, and I know no edition which can rival this. A quarter of the volume is devoted to an introduction, in which all the important questions connected with *The Shepherd* are discussed. Amongst the Greek sources of the text, fragments of six very old MSS from Egypt are enumerated, one of which, a parchment leaf at Hamburg (saec. iv-v),