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WELLHAUSEN ON THE PENTATEUCH.

ONE of the reviewers of a recent volume of Essays, which has made some sensation, relates an anecdote of Dr. Pusey, which, in connection with recent events, is remarkable enough. He tells us how many years ago he was walking with Dr. Pusey in Oxford, and how the famous theologian remarked to him that when the excitement connected with the Tractarian movement had subsided, we should have to face an onslaught on Holy Scripture.¹ This prophecy is now in process of fulfilment. As regards the New Testament, the assault has been delivered, and has been successfully repelled by the masterly papers of the late Bishop Lightfoot in the *Contemporary Review*, and by the labours of men like the new Bishop of Durham and the Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. As regards the Old Testament, however, the case is different. The theories which, in one shape or other, have become dominant in Germany are received in England with the utmost favour. Professors in both Universities have stamped them with their patronage, and the greatest possible sensation has been caused by the practical adoption of some of their main features by clergy placed in charge of an institution raised to the memory of Dr. Pusey himself, who, while he lived, was the most uncompromising opponent of the "free-handling" theory. It is surprising how little attention these facts are attracting among English Churchmen in general. They are disputing about Sacerdotalism and Ritualism, and the doctrine of the Presence and Sacrifice in the Eucharist, and seem utterly unaware of the danger that

¹ *Foreign Church Chronicle*, March, 1890, p. 55.