

is of opinion "that the time seems far off before we can hope to approach anything resembling the *Ur*-text of the Old Testament." We need pure texts; we need also a defined system of chronology; we need especially better lexicographical helps than at present exist. Mr. Jacobs expresses his approval of what the Palestine Exploration Fund has accomplished, and what has been done in Egyptological and Assyriological topography; and he believes that if researches were conducted on the lines of MacLennan's *Studies about Marriage* or Tylor's *Ancient Customs*, a decided advance would be made. In the research for "survivals" there would be no reason for confining exertions to the bare Biblical records; Hebrew life and institutions did not cease at once on the close of the Biblical canon. The post-Biblical records are much more voluminous and full on all archaeological matters than the Old Testament; yet the rich stores of the Talmud remain unused. We shall gladly welcome any kind of research which will elucidate the meaning of the sacred text, and therefore we cordially desire that learned men and investigators of all kinds should exert themselves. If they conduct their researches in a proper spirit much good will be done.

The April number of the *Presbyterian Review* (6) maintains the excellence of that well-edited periodical. It is almost invidious to single out for mention any particular article where all are so good; but we are sure that Dr. Hastings' article on "The Differences between Oratorical and Rhetorical Styles," and Dr. Lansing's on the "Egyptian Nile as a Civiliser," will be read with much interest; and so also will Dr. Nicholls' article on "Woman's Position and Work in the Church," and Dr. Chambers', entitled "Consilia Evangelica." Mr. Fotheringham's account of Romanism in Canada should attract the attention of all thoughtful minds, for it points out a great danger. The theology of Ritschl is well criticised by Mr. Galloway, and the reviews of theological literature are very useful.

(1) *The Homiletic Review*. Editors: J. K. Funk, D.D., and J. M. Sherwood, D.D. Publishers: Funk & Wagnalls, New York and London. Monthly.

(2) *The Missionary Review of the World*. Edited by J. M. Sherwood and A. T. Pierson. Funk & Wagnalls, New York and London. Price 25 cents.

(3) *The Theological Review*. April, 1889. Edinburgh: Macniven & Wallace.

(4) *The Homiletic Magazine*. April, 1889. London: J. Nisbet & Co.

(5) *The Archaeological Review*. March, 1889. London: David Nutt.

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