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* The first volume of Professor Wendt's work is now in the press. The Author—who is an excellent English scholar—is carefully revising the English translation, and has written a special Preface for it.

Two important reviews of the German original have already appeared in English magazines—one by Prof. Iverach in the *Expositor* (Sept. 1891), the other by Prof. Dickson in the *Critical Review* (Oct. 1891); and Principal Harper gives an excellent summary of the latter in the *Old and New Testament Student* for December. He says:—"It is unfortunate that this highly valuable work is accessible as yet only to readers of German, but it will, no doubt, soon be translated. Prof. Dickson has not over-estimated its importance. It is another great contribution to the study of biblical theology." Prof. Iverach's testimony to the worth of the book is that "it is the most important contribution yet made to the biblical theology."

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Editorial Topics.

It is to be regretted that the men who were immediately concerned in the recent breach of harmony in the Literary Institute should have permitted the more ardent of the partizans to proclaim their triumphs, or their woes—as the case might be—in the columns of the daily press. The *Saturday Review* once remarked that the people who write to newspapers are mostly fools, and certainly the present instance is a fine exhibition of folly. The whole affair was utterly without interest, save to the members of the Institute, and very few of them cared a rap about it. This is how the tempest in the teapot arose: A certain meeting of the Society was attended by no officers, and neither was the Minute book forthcoming. A vote of censure, couched in terms of quite startling severity, was passed on the Council, the different speakers taking pains to point out that the motion was not wholly the result of the present carelessness. At the next meeting of the Society this vote was practically reversed, after the neglect of the previous meeting had been apologized for and explained, by a vote of confidence in the Council. Bumptious accounts were sent to the newspapers, first by one party, then by the other, and the editors were foolish enough to publish them as well as some silly letters on the matter. One of our esteemed contemporaries took occasion to rebuke the writers for washing their dirty linen in public. This rebuke would have come with more grace and effect, had the esteemed contemporary been wise enough to exclude the inconsidered trifles from its columns altogether.

A NICE LITTLE ROW.

A HUNDRED thousand dollars of the funds of Toronto University have been handed over to Upper Canada College without the sanction of the Legislature, and not a few people have taken exception to this action on the part of the Government, involving as it does the principle of the control of the House over Government expenditure. There has been a pretty row about it, and the end is not yet. We are not especially interested in the point at issue, nor are we called upon to express an opinion, one way or the other; but the debate in the House on the question was not without interest to us, nor was it without significance to those who are concerned in the higher education in this Province. The debate shows that the people are beginning to question the wisdom of promoting higher education by means of the public funds. As *The Week* recently observed, "the idea is taking possession of the public mind, that the duty of the State in the matter of public education ceases at the point at which the facilities provided cease to be within the reach of all classes." Besides the unjustness of taxing the people at large for the benefit of the few, and discouraging the establishment of independent institutions by private enterprise and genuine interest, our Governments, even the best of them, are lumbering, clumsy machines, and have the unhappy faculty of taking the snap and life out of things they attempt to manage. It is owing to this that the independent institutions devoted to higher and professional education in Ontario are so well able to hold their own against those controlled and