

tives of this school speak of their results as practically final, they are by no means being allowed to have things all their own way. In Germany itself a more moderate school, represented by such scholars as Dillmann, Riehm, Kittel, and Strack, while admitting the composite character of the Hexateuch, refuses altogether to accept Wellhausen's re-construction of the history. This more conservative school has recently been reinforced by Prof. Volck, of Dorpat, while a somewhat vigorous protest against the critical position of the Wellhausen school, as represented in the chairs of the Universities, has come from the active pastors of the Church, who are impressed with the fact that they are losing spiritual power through the discrediting of the authority of the Old Testament. These have found a voice especially in a work by Pastor Rupprecht, which seeks to vindicate the strictly historical character of the Pentateuch. In England Dr. Baxter, in a large volume entitled "Sanctuary and Sacrifice," gives an elaborate refutation in detail of Wellhausen's arguments; while, as all know, Dr. Green of Princeton, has, in a series of works during the past few years, done vigorous battle for the old conservative view. More effective than either of these is Prof. Robertson's great epoch-making work on "The Early Religion of Israel," which, while not discussing the authorship of the Pentateuch at all, shows that the Mosaic institutions must be referred to a much earlier period than is assumed in Wellhausen's theory, being all practically pre-supposed in the writings of the earlier Prophets, and regarded as venerable even then. This has not yet been successfully answered, nor is it likely to be traversed in its main contention.

The most important check, however, has come from the side of archaeology, and is due to the discoveries so rapidly accumulating as the result of the investigations now being made in various parts of the Orient. In consequence of these discoveries, Prof. Sayce, of Oxford, and Prof. Hommel, of Munich, who a few years ago were regarded as favourable to the newer critical views, have reversed their former positions,