

Marlborough, great monarchs like Frederick, great statesmen like Chatham and Burke, poets and critics like Pope and Johnson and Lessing, writers who helped revolutionize society like Voltaire and Rousseau; but run over the whole brilliant list, and where among them all is the man whose motives were so pure, whose life was so unselfish, whose character was so spotless? And where among them all is the man whose influence—social, moral, religious—was productive of such vast good and of so little evil, as that exerted by this plain man, who exemplified himself, and taught thousands of his fellow men to know, what the religion of Jesus Christ really means?"

"Old Testament Introduction. General and Special. By John Howard Raven, D.D. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 362. Price, \$2.00 net.

This is a much larger and more adequate treatment of the higher criticism than the next named book. It is written from the positive and constructive instead of the negative standpoint from which are written most of the books discussing the Higher Criticism. The writer avoids "the over-conciseness which leaves the student in the dark, and the over-fulness which leaves him in the fog." It is thoroughly conservative, yet scholarly and devout. "The insidious nature," says the author, "of the current views of the Old Testament are not realized by many sincere Christians who espouse them. There is no middle ground between a thoroughly naturalistic conception of the origin of the Hebrew Scriptures and that view of them which is found in the Scriptures themselves." The latter view the author proceeds to maintain. He takes up the books of the Bible in succession, discusses the arguments as to their date, authorship, frankly meets the radical criticism and maintains a conservative orthodoxy.

"Faith and The Faith." By T. T. Eaton, D.D., LL.D. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 78. Price, 50 cents net.

This is a brief—almost too brief—statement of Christian doctrine. It is designed as an antidote to current scepticism and the so-called new theology. We could wish that the closing paragraphs were written in more temperate phrase.

"The Old and the New Magic." By Henry Ridgely Evans. Illustrated. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo. Pp. xxxii-348.

These papers, reprinted from the pages of The Open Court Magazine, give a fascinating account of the practice of thaumaturgy in ancient and modern times. From the days of the Egyptians down to those of "Mr. Sludge the medium," there has been a strange fascination in the strange results of wonder-working magicians. The author records the history of many of the most successful of these conjurers and sleight-of-hand performers—Pinetti, Cagliostro, Houdin, and many others. He shows that most of their mysticisms are the results of fraud or guile, and the use of scientific principles or of ingenious mechanical apparatus. Diagrams and illustrations of many of these contrivances are presented, and the principles of the seemingly impossible wonders are explained. "Pepper's Ghost," the so-called "levitation" that seems to defy the force of gravity, the trick tables, chairs, and other apparatus are scientifically explained. The Open Court is rendering very valuable service by the exposure of the lying tricks of many of the so-called spiritualistic mediums who prey upon the most tender and sacred feelings of their deluded victims for their own vulgar enrichment. In the numbers of The Open Court for the current year this series of expositions is continued, showing how some of the most occult tricks of the mediums can be exposed and explained.

"A Grammar of New Testament Greek." Based on W. F. Moulton's Edition of G. B. Winer's Grammar. By James Hope Moulton. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Svo. Pp. xx-274.

Wesleyan scholarship is being more and more fully recognized in the republic of letters. The name of Moulton is one that, as borne by the famous father and his distinguished sons, is held in honor on both sides of the Atlantic. The elder Moulton was the youngest member of the Bible Revision Committee, and one of the most laborious and scholarly. Thirty-five years ago his edition of the great German scholar Winer's famous Greek Grammar made its appearance and has