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THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE AND OTHER SERMONS. By David James Burrell, D.D. New York: Wilbur B. Ketcham. 1895. Price, \$1.50.

These are sermons delivered in another metropolitan pulpit, not far from the one already mentioned. They present the plain truths of the Gospel in a clear, attractive, picturesque style, and furnish interesting and wholesome reading. In the sermons of both Dr. MacArthur and Dr. Burrell preachers will find illustrated some of the qualities requisite in these times to attract, hold, and build up city churches.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE HIGHER CRITICISM. By Andrew C. Zenos, Professor of Biblical Theology in McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. New York, London, and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company. 1895. Price, \$1.

This is an admirable book on a subject that ministers have wished to have treated in a systematic and scientific manner. Hitherto there has been nothing but scattered, usually controversial, statements accessible on the subject. We congratulate our clerical readers on the preparation and publication of just such a work as they have all felt the need of, and that by one who with his Greek nature has the scholarly attainments, the critical acumen, the scientific grasp, and the cool and dispassionate judgment, needed to give the subject the best shape for use as a handbook. The author treats of the Nature, Methods, Postulates, Applications, and History of the Higher Criticism.

THE HIGHER CRITICISM OF THE PENTATEUCH. By William Henry Green, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Oriental and Old Testament Literature in Princeton Theological Seminary, New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1895. Price, \$1.50.

This volume, by confessedly the most distinguished American Old Testament scholar, goes to the root of the matter of modern rationalistic criticism. It treats of "The Old Testament and its Structure," "The Plan and Contents of the Pentateuch;" "Moses the Author of the Pentateuch;" "The Unity of the Pentateuch;" "Genuineness of the Laws;" "The Bearing of the Divisive Criticism on the Credibility of the Pentateuch, and on Supernatural Religion."

THE UNITY OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS. By the same author and publishers. New York, 1895. Price, \$3.

This is a detailed discussion, such as many ministers and students of the Bible have long been waiting for, of the structure of the Book of Genesis. It is a complete and logical demolition of the rationalistic theories of the origin and structure of Genesis, and a demonstration of its Mosaic origin. Dr. Green is fitted for such a task, beyond all other living scholars.

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Being an Examination of the Active Mission and Ministry of the Spirit of God, the Divine Paraclete, as Set Forth in the Acts of the Apostles. By Arthur T. Pierson, D.D. New York and Chicago: Fleming & Revell Company. 1895. Price, 75 cents.

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