

regarding the Scriptures as historical and as the word of God. He defends that historicity against Reuss, Kuenen, and Wellhausen, and concludes his work proper by stating the contention that the work of the Higher Critic reveals "the magnificent unity of the whole Bible in the midst of its wondrous variety." Not the least valuable part of the book is its eight appendices, setting forth original documents, their parallels, and characteristic words and phrases. He who would carefully consider the work of the critics, in brief and systematic form, cannot do better than read Dr. Briggs' treatise. He should, however, credit intelligent Bible students, who are not documentary men of the ordinary type, with knowing that Moses did not write the account of his own death, nor Joshua the book called by his name. Even the Jews knew better than this.

I am indebted once more to Mr. James Croil, I do not know why we should call him by his Christian name, since he is our only Mr. Croil, for the complete volume of the *Nordisk Missionstidsskrift* for 1892. Biographies of Scandinavian missionaries run through three quarterly numbers, including Adolf Henrikson, Hans Nikolaison, and Andreas Riis. The first quarterly number has elaborate statistical tables of Protestant Missions to the Heathen in 1889-90. Mr. Croil, who is an authority on the subject of Missions, praises the industry of Provost Vohl, but thinks

he has something to learn yet in the difficult field of statistics. Missionary bibliography is not forgotten by the Provost and his aids. A Picture of the Moravian Herrnhut, Missions of the English Church in Australia, The Oversight or Superintendence of Missions, Missions in India, Uganda, Alaska, and many other articles make up this interesting volume, but what little Danish I ever had is evaporating, and to work with the dictionary is too suggestive of second childhood. Yet the Talker appreciates the Provost's good work, and thanks Mr. Croil for acquainting him with it. I append Mr. Croil's own valuable table, which has come to me, with the very elaborate Annual Report of St. Paul's Church, Montreal.

The population of the world is computed to be about 1,500,000,000, as follows:—

Protestants.....	137,000,000
Roman Catholics.....	205,000,000
Greek church.....	89,000,000
Mohammedans.....	175,000,000
Jews.....	8,000,000
Heathen.....	886,000,000

The Protestants are usually classified approximately, as follows:—

Lutherans, of various orders....	35,000,000
Methodists do.....	25,000,000
Episcopalians, the world over....	22,000,000
Presbyterians, of various orders....	20,000,900
Baptists, of every kind.....	17,000,000
Congregationalists.....	6,000,000
All other Denominations.....	12,000,000

Some principal foreign mission societies and their respective incomes (at home), approximately.

BRITISH SOCIETIES.		Income
Founded.		1891-'92.
1649	The New England Company.	\$ 17,500
1701	Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.....	582,600
1792	Baptist Missionary Society...	375,000
1795	London " "	743,120
1799	Church " "	1,346,900
1817	Methodist " "	625,645