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One of the latest volumes in the International Theological Library is, **An Introduction to the Literature of the New Testament**, by James Moffatt, B.D., D.D. (T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 630 pages, \$2.50 net), of which a competent reviewer has said that "it will for long help to form the opinions of young students". Some outstanding features of Dr. Moffatt's work are: (1) The fulness and minuteness of its information, in which it reaches the high water mark of modern New Testament scholarship. (2) The exhaustive discussion of crucial problems. A notable example is the note on the Galatian Churches, in which Dr. Moffatt maintains the North Galatian theory, namely, that these churches were situated in Galatia proper in northeastern Asia Minor, in opposition to the South Galatian theory, advocated by Sir William Ramsay and others, that they were the churches of Antioch in Pisidia, Lystra, Iconium, etc., which though lying outside the boundaries of Galatia proper, were embraced in the Roman province of Galatia. (3) The richness of literary allusion and illustration by which the presentation of intricate and abstruse themes is relieved and adorned. For instance, Scott's quotation, in *The Fair Maid of Perth*, from a local guide of the saying about Craig Vanean overlooking the Tay Valley, "Ah, sirs, this is the decisive point", is used to set forth the historian's duty of securing a decisive point from which he may survey the period which he is to picture. There will be a wide difference of opinion as to many of Dr. Moffatt's conclusions, such as his

assertion of the early martyrdom of John the son of Zebedee, and his denial of the release of Paul from the imprisonment at Rome, with which the Book of Acts closes; but no one will question the ability and wealth of knowledge with which his opinions are supported.

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