

however, and it is very doubtful whether it will ever be completed. It is only in the Pentateuch that the results are even claimed to represent any wide consensus of Biblical scholars.

A more feasible attempt in the same direction, and one that is certain to prove much more useful, is the publication of the International Critical Commentary under the editorship of Dr. Briggs in the United States, together with Dr. Driver and Dr. Plummer in England. This aims at explaining the significance of these books on the supposition that the conclusions of the more advanced critical school are now ascertained to be true. Several volumes of this work have already appeared, and, altogether apart from their critical theories, are of high value ; such as Driver's Commentary on Deuteronomy, to say nothing of such a masterpiece as Sanday's work on the Romans in the New Testament department.

In the Introduction to his Commentary on Deuteronomy, Dr. Driver has given the best vindication of the Wellhausen Theory of the Pentateuch which has yet appeared in English. Dr. Briggs has also sought to strengthen the case by a second edition of his *Higher Criticism of the Hexateuch*, originally published about five years ago. It is characterized by a good deal of the irritating and ungenerous acidity which is a feature of almost all his writings, but is a scholarly performance, and will not fail to win some adherents to his views. Whatever one may think of their critical opinions, it is gratifying to be able to state that both Dr. Driver and Dr. Briggs still hold fast by the inspiration and Divine authority of the Pentateuch. Its religious value is nowise diminished in their estimation. One is sometimes a little puzzled to know how the two positions can be logically reconciled. But we must give them credit for honestly thinking in their own minds that they have a mode of harmonizing the two which is satisfactory to themselves. In view of changes that have taken place regarding similar matters in the past, they may be able yet so to present it as to be satisfactory to others as well.

Notwithstanding the confidence with which the representa-