

a few general remarks on one of the larger prophetic books, partly to show that the results of criticism have not been accepted in our colleges with undue haste, and partly to relate the subject to our Canadian life. So far as I know, there is now no one left who was teaching the Old Testament in any Canadian College when I began work about twenty years ago in Queen's University. Dr. G. C. Workman, who suffered in those early days for a courageous attempt to vindicate a rational and reverent view of the prophets' work, has been pursued by an adverse fate, and unfortunately is not in the active teaching service. His book on "The Servant of Jehovah" (1907) is a sober, scholarly piece of work, that can be recommended as an introduction to the study of one of the great problems of the book of Isaiah. Fortunately in the Presbyterian Church we have been saved from "heresy trials" in this connection by the wisdom of our leaders and the absorption of the Church in more "practical" tasks. By the way it may be noted that it was in 1881 that Robertson Smith was removed from his Chair, and in the following year he published his stimulating book, "The Prophets of Israel and their Place in History"; in 1893 Dr. Briggs received a similar condemnation from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of North America. The positions held by both of these distinguished scholars would to-day be recognized as quite "conservative." Professor McFadyen, now of the United Free College, came to Knox College, Toronto, about twenty years ago, and by his teaching, preaching, and the use of his pen exercised considerable influence. He was scholarly, reverent, and knew how to combine courage with caution. Two of his former pupils, Professor Davidson, of Knox, and Professor Taylor, of Toronto University, now hold important positions in the same line, and will probably make contributions to "The Canadian Library of Religious Literature." Dr. A. R. Gordon, since he came to Montreal, has published three volumes, "The Early Traditions of Genesis," "The Poets of the Old Testament," and the volume now under review, the first prepared before he came, and all of them showing the