

is conditional upon our securing certain proposed changes in the constitution of the University ; but the trustees had no hesitation in accepting his offer under those conditions, especially as he had further agreed to pay a year's salary to meet any further delay in securing these changes, if such were necessary.

The trustees were of one mind in appointing Mr. Grant to the new professorship. He comes not only as the bearer of a name of great distinction in Queen's, but as having brought new honor to that name in the brilliant work he has done at Oxford. Word has lately been received from him accepting the appointment, and he will be prepared to enter his new duties next session. Queen's is surely to be congratulated on being the first Canadian University to have a chair devoted exclusively to Canadian and Colonial History and on having it occupied by such a brilliant young Canadian. Professors Morison and Grant will make a strong and attractive combination.

Book Review.

The Historical and Religious Value of the Fourth Gospel, by Ernest F. Scott, D.D., Professor of Church History in Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Company. The Riverside Press, Cambridge, 1909.

THIS new book, by Prof. Scott, is one of the first of a series of hand-books, entitled, "Modern Religious Problems," edited by Dr. Ambrose W. Vernon. The aim of the series is to popularize "the precise results of modern scholarship" and the prospectus of the volumes already arranged for contains the names of many of the best known theological scholars and writers in the English-speaking world. It is a matter of congratulation to Prof. Scott, and indirectly to Queen's, that he has been chosen to write on the much-vexed Johannine "problem." The reason of the choice is, of course, not far to seek. Before Prof. Scott came to Queen's he had won for himself a most enviable reputation by his book on "*The Fourth Gospel, Its Purpose and Theology*," (T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh, 1906). It was recognized on all sides as marking a new era in the discussion of this important subject. The new book is meant to serve a very different purpose and a different constituency. There are only eighty-three pages in it, but in that small compass we find a delightfully clear and readable account of the latest criticism of the Gospel of St. John, and a beautiful exposition of its permanent religious value.

It is greatly to be deplored that even among University students in their general reading, such subjects are often quite ignored. Such books as Prof. Jordan's late volume, "*Biblical Criticism and Modern Thought*," and this most recent of Prof. Scott's publications might be read with great interest and profit by many students in every department of the University. We all clearly recognize that we are in the midst of a great new movement in things theological and, if for no other reason, the necessity of keeping "up-to-date" should demand of us that we know something of this department of the great round of human knowledge. For this reason and for its own intrinsic value the JOURNAL is pleased to welcome and warmly recommend Prof. Scott's new book.