

## THE BOOK PAGE

**Old Testament Criticism and the Christian Church.** By John Edgar McFadyen, M.A. (Glas.), B.A. (Oxon.), Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College, Toronto. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 376 pages; \$1.50 net.

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