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* * * The first volume of Professor Wendt's work is now in the press. The Author—who is an excellent English scholar—is carefully revising the English translation, and has written a special Preface for it.

Two important reviews of the German original have already appeared in English magazines—one by Prof. Iverach in the *Expositor* (Sept. 1891), the other by Prof. Dickson in the *Critical Review* (Oct. 1891); and Principal Harper gives an excellent summary of the latter in the *Old and New Testament Student* for December. He says: "It is unfortunate that this highly valuable work is accessible as yet only to readers of German, but it will, no doubt, soon be translated. Prof. Dickson has not over-estimated its importance. It is another great contribution to the study of biblical theology." Prof. Iverach's testimony to the worth of the book is that "it is the most important contribution yet made to the biblical theology."

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THE LITERARY INSTITUTE.

A REVIEW of the proceedings of the Trinity College Literary Institute for the year 1892-1893 shows that the season has been one of considerable activity on the part of the Institute, and that the efforts of the Council to arouse greater interest in the meetings, have not been wholly unsuccessful. An examination of the roll-call discloses the fact that the average attendance at the meetings has been forty—which is the highest average yet attained by the Institute. Had the attendance at the meetings been as large in the Lent Term as in the Michaelmas Term, the average would have been fifty or more; but the Institute had several brilliant rivals during the current term, for hockey and theatricals, not to mention banjo clubs and other lively things, have taken old Trinity by storm, and the Institute, so staid and grave, has not only been more or less deserted by the sporting fraternity, but even by a few of its strongest and most regular attendants. Matters worthy of special mention in the Institute Chronicle for the Michaelmas Term, are the substantial changes made in the constitution, and the public debate given in Convocation Hall on Friday evening, December 2nd. The chief changes made in the constitution was the creation of two new offices, designated respectively, First and Second Vice-Presidents—whose duties are to preside at all meetings in turn with the President. The public debate was really a great success in every particular, the hall being filled with a large and attentive audience, representing all parts of Toronto. The debaters, essayist, and readers were all elected by the Society, and showed themselves, for the most part, worthy of the confidence reposed in them by their fellow-members. In the present term, the annual *Conversazione* and the Inter-Year debates call for special mention. The *Conversazione* proved a very interesting and successful event, the Council and a large number of private members of the Institute, working with an energy and vim most grateful and comforting to those on whom the responsibility of the function principally fell. Too popular, by far, has the *Conversazione* become, not only to the good people of Toronto, but to those inhabiting the towns and villages within a radius of a hundred miles or so. The enormous demand made on the Secretary for invitations has become a perfect farce, and some radical change will have to be inaugurated with respect to the *Conversazione* and its management. Regarding the Inter-Year debates it may be said that, whilst arousing considerable interest and increasing the attendance at the meetings, they yet cannot be pronounced an unqualified success. Their tendency is to interfere with the harmony and dignity of the Institute, and to lead to sundry pranks and capers on the part of the more lively members, with a view of winning a victory at the time of voting. The ability displayed in debating and essay writing this year has been characterized by a marked advance—an advance which was especially noticeable in the Michaelmas Term, a term in which not a single debater failed to perform his assigned part, and when every essayist was present with his essay. Notwithstanding the fact that a heavy deficit was bequeathed to the present Council by their predecessors in office, the Treas-