

used in the other examples spoken of. It is convenient as with MSS. to denote them by letters, just as one scholar denotes the earliest Roman version of the Apostles' Creed by R, and there is nothing strange in the abbreviated symbols. It will be seen that if the results appear at first sight to injure the unity of the Pentateuch (which was more a unity of tradition than contents or scheme) it gives a higher unity to the Old Testament as a whole : the Hexateuch and all the Historical Books are shown to have gone through the same process, and are thus brought into a more vivid connexion with the whole life and development of the Jewish nation. It in no way affects the teaching or the results of Inspiration : the Old Testament remains the same for the critic after as before his conclusions. It does affect our views as to the way in which the Old Testament came into being : it may affect our views as to the course of Jewish history as a whole. But those views are either the result of tradition (possibly mistaken) or else an inference (possibly mistaken) from the books themselves. A result which demanded the surrender of those views need not affect our views of Revelation : it should certainly not be represented as an attack upon religion. Where the church has not spoken with the voice of authority it is surely hazardous for private speculation to insist upon its own views as the test of orthodoxy. And for all the proof that can be given either from the Books of the Old Testament themselves or from any external source the traditional view is as much a speculation as the view of the Higher Criticism of to-day. Indeed it has not so strong a support of either reasoning or analogy behind it. I do not care to press upon others what I feel most strongly for myself that these critical results give a greater majesty and power to Old Testament History besides removing many difficulties that have sorely perplexed many anxious souls. For arguments in favour of them Dr. Driver's preface quoted below may be referred to : I merely state the results to shew their analogy with the existence of divisions found in