

been introduced at a later period, and are a striking corroboration of the Mosaic origin of these books." With good-humoured sarcasm he adds, "I question whether Professor Kuenen and Professor Wellhausen with all their wealth of imagination could have done any such thing." His conclusion is: "That the legislation of the Pentateuch is genuinely Mosaic in its entire spirit and character." Dr. Harman makes a similar remark about the very ancient words occurring in these documents.

As to the book of Genesis Doctor Gladden explains the Jehovist and the Elohist elements of the original documents. He points out not only the conventional but literally predictive character of the Messianic and other prophecies of Scripture. One of the most important topics is that on the origin of the Gospels, even of the latest, the Gospel of St. John, of which the best criticism of the day finds striking testimony, even as far back as the first century. "The Origin of the Gospels," "Formation of the Canon," "How the books were written and preserved," and other subjects are all plainly elucidated. In the final chapter, entitled "How much the Bible is worth," he vehemently asserts that, notwithstanding its human elements, notwithstanding its "various readings," notwithstanding the difficulties of harmonization which sometimes arise, the Bible is divinely inspired, is a book of righteousness and a record of the development of the kingdom of righteousness in the world, is the revelation of God to man. We may not in every case agree with Dr. Gladden's treatment of special topics, but his general conclusion, and the tenacity with which he holds the essential unity, veracity, integrity, and indubitable authenticity of the Word of God, make his book an aid to faith of a most valuable character.

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the moral forces not only of the city of New York, but of the American Republic, sustained a great and irreparable loss. He enjoyed the blessing of a pious ancestry and a godly training. He was early made the subject of converting grace in a sweeping revival. He threw himself with zeal into Christian work, and this, says his biographer, he never interrupted for a single day. He early identified himself with the Sunday-school work, Bible study, missionary work, temperance work, anti-slavery, promotion of peace, Christian missions, evangelical alliance, and Christian association work. All this while he was diligent in business as well as fervent in spirit, carrying on great undertakings, forming a coal and iron company, engaged in extensive commerce by sea and land, railway and steamship enterprises, eight times elected President of New York Chamber of Commerce. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, and the friend of the slave, the outcast, the reformed gaol-bird, the Indian and the heathen. Such a life is an inspiration to the young men of this age. In this book we get glimpses of many of the chief Christian workers of the century. The author has done his work well. He has photographed with realistic power a noble and remarkable life. We commend the volume for Sunday-school libraries and family reading.

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