

This is Dr. Marcus Dods' Introduction to the New Testament,* already in its third edition, one of the "Theological Educator" series, edited by Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll. This series is an excellent one and contains several Manuals which should be better known to Canadian students, one very useful text-book being "An Introduction to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament," by Prof. Warfield, of Princeton. Several of the Manuals with which we are familiar might be used as college text-books, as Dr. Warfield's Introduction is in the colleges of the Free Church of Scotland.

The present volume is a model of clearness and simplicity of style, giving in succinct form an intelligible presentation of the *status questionis* regarding each book of the New Testament. Dr. C. W. Hodge, of Princeton, himself a specialist, says: "It is marvellously full, clear, bright, and readable. One wonders why an enormous literature has been called for to produce what may be so fairly represented in a pocket volume. The tone of the book is defensive in all questions of canonicity, with a sober estimate of critical objections." Dr. Dods has no superior in Britain in the department of theological study to which this book belongs. He is out and away the first New Testament critic in Scotland, as his colleague, Dr. A. B. Davidson, is first in Old Testament matters. And when students, perplexed by the strife of tongues, turn to Dr. Dods they will find him sympathetic, intelligent, candid. He has been all over the field of New Testament criticism and is not afraid to report. He hates irreverence and faithlessness under the guise of reverence, and the audacious telling of lies for God which too long misled students of the Bible. And, therefore, when a man of such ripe scholarship, such openness of mind, such frankness of expression, takes conservative positions on all, or nearly all, the great controverted points in New Testament criticism, contending for the authenticity of the Pauline epistles, and the reliableness of the Synoptists, and pronouncing as ignorant of the recent history of criticism, whoever would not agree that "this storm which threatened to blow our New Testament in pieces has spent its force, and that the New Testament remains very much as it was,"—when a man like Dr. Dods takes the positions taken in this "Introduction," men who are not specialists may rest assured that the critical method which proved harmless in the hands of Baur and his school, is not likely to do much damage in the hands of smaller critics.

Prof. Dods in his Manual follows the order of the English Bible. In a more elaborate treatise, attention would doubtless be paid to historical

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