

**Der erste und zweite Petrusbrief und der Judasbrief ausgelegt von** D. G. Wohlenberg, Professor in Erlangen. Erste und zweite auflage. A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Werner School, Liepzig, Germany, 1915. 334 ss. M. 9.50, Geb. M. 11.

It is a striking aspect of German energy that in the midst of the terrible war the Zahn series of Commentaries is going right on. This is Bund XV and is on a par with the rest in thoroughness and scholarly grasp of all the essential data. Wohlenberg faces the difficult question of the genuineness of these Epistles and is not so hostile as Germans theologians often are.

He is positive that Jude is later than 2 Peter. I am by no means sure of this position, but much can be said on both sides of the question.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

**The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.** Edited by the Rev. J. O. F. Murray, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge. With Notes and Introduction. Cambridge, at the University Press, 1914. ciii-150 pp. 3s. 6d. net.

Within the small compass of a little hand-book of the "Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges" series we have here one of the most valuable commentaries on this greatest of all Paul's epistles. The print is fine and the paper thin so that the 250 odd pages carry as much matter as a large volume. And the work is thorough, scholarly and so supplied with references and indices as to make it all that the average student will need. One may be allowed to take issue with the author's analysis of the Epistle, sure that its system is far more definitely logical than is here indicated. One could wish also for somewhat more of spiritual enthusiasm in dealing with so vital a scripture even when the author desires to be strictly scholarly at all points.

W. O. CARVER.

**Practical and Social Aspects of Christianity; The Wisdom of James.** By Prof. A. T. Robertson, M.A., D.D., LL.D., Hodder and Stoughton, New York, George H. Doran Company, 1915. 271 pp., \$1.25.

This exposition and application of the Epistle of James will be eagerly welcomed by all who have heard Professor Robertson,

because it is so truly characteristic, and by very many others because they will find it so helpful both for understanding this Epistle and for understanding how to realize in life the truth of Christianity. In no other work of his has the author so truly reproduced his own personality. Former students will here see and hear him, as they have so often seen and heard him in class room and chapel, with a fullness and completeness not to be found in any other of his writings. Here are his keen and searching insight into the meaning of the Scriptures; the homely thrusts of common sense; the cutting sarcasm that lays bare the conceits of men; the fondness for etymology and word history; the oracular terseness; the popular proverb, or one hot from the speaker's own anvil; the fine independence of formal demands for logical order and symmetry; the ardent love of the truth and of the Savior of men; the devout spirit underlying all the eccentricities of manner.

The outcome is a full commentary on James and on practical religion in application to modern life. There is no systematic discussion of social problems and none at all of technical sociological problems as might be inferred from the title. There are some critical questions that the critical scholastic would like more discussion of; there are sections when the reader feels that the author's love of Paul has almost made him forget for a time that he is expounding James, but he soon gets back; and you are not allowed to miss James' meaning at any point, so far as the commentator was able to interpret him, and there is absolutely frank admission when the meaning is not clear.

What we have here is a very scholarly, earnest and devout, withal a very leisurely traversing of the Epistle of James with a leader who loves to pause at each stage to comment in detail upon the beauties of the word, the force of the syntax, the power of the thought, the grasp of the spirit; to compare the teaching of Paul, of Jesus, of the Son of Sirach, of the Stoics, of the 'Wisdom Literature' generally, and of others as the case may require or the term of the leader suggest. It is a very unusual commentary, one that the most learned will learn from and the plainest will read with joy and profit. It grew out of lectures at

Northfield. They came early in the morning and it is easy to understand how the people crowded to hear them, as the reports of the meeting declared they did, even at so early an hour. James has been a most congenial interpreter.

W. O. CARVER.

**The Gospels—The Light of Historical Criticism.** By Frederic Henry Chase. Macmillan Company, New York, 1914. 88 pp. 50 cents.

This little volume is a reprint of a chapter by Bishop Chase, in the "Cambridge Theological Essays." It is a popular presentation of modern knowledge about the origin of the Gospels, but is the work of a thorough scholar and is a useful handbook on the subject.

**The Holy Bible, Authorized Version, in eight volumes.** Morgan & Scott.

Here is a convenient pocket edition in bold type and modern spelling. The distinctive feature is the adoption of the methods of paragraphing and inverted commas, which are usual in other books. It is often forgotten that the chapter divisions are only a few centuries old, and the verse divisions of the New Testament date only from the Reformation; they are no part of the original text, and the system so well known was by no means the first invented. For reference it is invaluable, and the numbers are retained at the top of the page here. But many verses sundered by the old editors are now put together again, and new light will be shed on many passages. The work is printed on both ordinary paper and india paper, and in various bindings. The prices vary from \$2 to \$7 the set.

## V. MISCELLANEOUS.

**Studies in Greek Noun Formation.....Labial Terminations, I-IV.** (1910, 1911, 1913). By E. H. Sturtevant. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago.

Professor Sturtevant has used with great skill and care material collected by A. W. Stratton and C. D. Buck, besides much