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THE series of articles by Canon Battersby Harford, which closes in this number, has been a real contribution to the subject of Old Testament criticism. I am personally grateful to him for having undertaken the task, and I know, from correspondence, that he has presented many readers with exactly the information they required. The movements of criticism in this department are so vigorous, that it seemed to me a critical survey was needed, and the Canon has drawn this accurately as well as freshly. We are all in his debt.

In the biography of Sir William Robertson Nicoll, which Dr. Darlow has just published, there is an account of how the EXPOSI-TOR was taken over by that remarkable editor in 1885. Dr. Darlow notes how month by month, under his editorship, "the magazine continued to present 'the best thoughts of the best men on the best of books.'" And now, forty years later, I have to announce that this is the last number. The circulation has indeed risen, during the past two years, but not sufficiently to make it a financial success. Evidently the strain of conditions in the modern ministry renders it impossible for clergymen and ministers to subscribe, as once they were able to do, to a monthly magazine of this kind. Hence the publishers have decided to discontinue it.

I desire to thank very heartily those who have written to me during these years with appreciation and suggestions. The EXPOSITOR has reached far and near, and I have been deeply interested to correspond with students of the Bible in this and other lands, who have been reading the magazine.

However, although the EXPOSITOR must cease, in its monthly form, we propose to issue next spring the first number of "The VOL. IV. DECEMBER, 1925. 26 Expositor's Year-book." This is a new venture. The idea is to present a survey of the best work done during the previous year, i.e. theological work, primarily connected with the Bible. No survey of this kind is accessible in English, and it is hoped that the "Year-book" will have permanent value for students and readers of the Bible.

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There will be surveys of Old Testament and New Testament criticism, and also of theological literature, during 1925, with information about publishers and prices. There will also be a survey of all the important articles on the exegesis and interpretation of the Bible, in English and foreign periodicals. My aim is to provide for the student, and also for the preacher, who takes his work with any seriousness. Thus I hope to add a special section upon general allusions to the Bible in the literature and history of 1925. In this way, the "Year-book" will provide an accessible and reliable guide to whatever of value has been written, during the past twelve months, upon the subject.

As the years go on, I hope to make the "Year-book" more and more adequate. But already I have been able to secure the aid of several well-known scholars, to co-operate in the first volume, including the Rev. Canon G. H. Box, D.D., and the Rev. Professor T. H. Robinson, D.D., who will share the Old Testament survey between them. It is hoped that those who have subscribed to the Expositor will continue their support to its successor in this annual form. The "Year-book" will be issued in spring, by the present publishers, at a moderate price, and in editing it, I repeat, I shall endeavour to make it as complete and accurate as possible for those who, in any way, take an intelligent interest in the modern interpretation of the Bible, and who desire to be abreast of what is being done, over the world, to explain and apply the Scriptures.