

been known to scholars more than twenty years, and those excavated by Rassam since 1889 and 1890. I hope to turn my attention to these texts again before long, but the finding of further copies of the Babylonian Chronicle would probably set

at rest more questions in a few hours than the study of the dates, etc., of the contract-tablets of the time of the later Babylonian kings for a year, or more.

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British Museum.

Entre Nous.

THE volume of the THE EXPOSITORY TIMES which commences with this number will contain some of the finest expository work we have yet been able to publish. We may mention in particular a series of articles on the Psalms of Ascents by the Rev. David Smith, M.A., of Tulliallan, of whom the late Professor Bruce used to say that of all the younger men he seemed to possess the expositor's gift in largest measure. Canon Bernard of Wells will contribute three papers on the Judæan ministry. The first appears this month. The subject of the second is the Action and Prophecy in the Temple, of the third the Interview with Nicodemus. Canon Bernard's *Central Teaching of Christ* comes closer to the ideal of exposition than any book we know. Mrs. Lewis of Cambridge, the discoverer of the Sinaitic-Syriac Codex,—perhaps the greatest of all our recent discoveries,—will write an article on the force and suggestiveness of some of the new readings in that Codex. When Professor Drummond was laid aside, no man could be found to take his place of power among the students of the Universities. But now that almost unique position has been filled by one of the younger Edinburgh ministers, the Rev. John Kelman, M.A. Three articles by Mr. Kelman on St. Paul will be read with interest—St. Paul the Hebrew, St. Paul the Greek, St. Paul the Roman. Professor Budde will send us some exegetical articles on difficult passages in the Psalms. And there are more and perhaps greater things than these.

When we speak of the scholarly German, accurate, minute, indefatigable, we surely think of Professor Eduard König. What a marvel is his *Lehrgebäude*, how greatly has it advanced our knowledge of the Hebrew tongue, what a monument to its author's unquenchable thirst for truth! But another great work has just been published, and will be fully reviewed very soon. Its full title is *Stilistik, Rhetorick, Poetik in Bezug auf die Biblische Literatur*.

A small book, called *Evil and Evolution*, published a year or two ago by Messrs. Macmillan made a considerable impression upon students of Christian apologetic. The same anonymous

author has a volume in the press with Messrs. Sonnenschein, the title of which is to be *Commerce and Christianity*.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark have sent us their autumn announcements. Mr. Drummond's *Kerr Lectures* we have already received and noticed. Besides that notable book and the third volume of the Dictionary, there is a book on *The Formation of Christian Character* by Dr. Bruce of Banff, a fellow to his *Ethics of the Old Testament*. Professor Falconer of Nova Scotia (from whom we received and published a valuable article recently), has written some Studies in the Early Episcopate under [the title of *From Apostle to Priest*. Two volumes of the World's Epoch-Makers are ready, *Buddha* by Arthur Lillie, and *The Herschels* by James Sime. *The Miracles of Unbelief* is a striking title of a new work by the Rev. Frank Ballard of Hull.

Then come the great books. First, Deissmann's *Bible-Studies*, a completely new edition, embodying both of the German series and giving new matter. The New Testament student will make it his first purchase this autumn. Next, Ritschl's great work, now rendered into English by some accomplished Ritschlians, with Dr. Hugh Mackintosh of Tayport at their head. Then a translation, by Professor Cooper of Glasgow and another scholar, of the greatest discovery of our time in the department of ecclesiology, the Syriac *Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ*. Last of all, and most noticeable, a new edition of the New Testament, a new translation, the books arranged in the order of their birth, with much other material, done by the Rev. James Moffatt, M.A., of Dundonald, with the assistance of several of our most distinguished New Testament scholars. This had to be done. It had to be done cautiously. It had to be done fearlessly. Mr. Moffatt was the man for it. Our readers know how conscientious and how reverent is his scholarship, how deep also is his interest in the Word of God.

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