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I.

RECENT DOGMATIC THOUGHT IN SCOTLAND.

THIS article is one of a series intended to deal with recent dogmatic thought in different countries of the Protestant world. The part which I have been asked to undertake is that which bears on Scotland. I have yielded to the request of the editor, because I did not feel at liberty to decline such a topic with all its difficulties; but I am perfectly certain that I shall leave much out that might naturally be handled, and probably also include what in the judgment of some might have been omitted.

It will be noticed that what I have to deal with is "recent dogmatic thought." I shall hardly go farther back than a quarter of a century, taking as a good starting point the publication of Principal Cunningham's *Lectures on Historical Theology* in 1862, followed up as these were by the institution of the Cunningham Lectures in 1864. Along with this limit, another principle of exclusion will lie in restriction to "dogmatic thought." This will cut off all natural theology, like Dr. Flint's *Theism* and *Antitheistic Theories*; all apologetics; all books of introduction, and history of the canon; all exegesis, unless of special dogmatic import; and all Church history, except in relation to doctrine.

Nor shall I introduce, though falling under dogmatics, the discussions that have from time to time arisen as to the sources of doctrine in Holy Scripture, with questions as to its authority and inspiration. These would require greater length than this article admits of; and of the latest of them, it might be premature yet to speak.

Restricting myself then to the actual doctrines of Scripture, as

consistency by substituting אלהים for יהוה. Neither the divine names nor the names of the patriarchs are in any sense a characteristic of the original text; and when the special Genesis criticism of the day makes Jehovah and Elohim or Jacob and Israel the infallible test by which it can draw the line between the vitally connected members of a sentence, I must say (says Klostermann) that such criticism seems to me, in spite of its apparent activity, to have all the signs of scientific death.

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TWO IMPORTANT NEW PERIODICALS.

WITH the new year two new theological periodicals have begun what we hope will prove their prosperous and useful careers, which are of such unusual interest to our readers that we are warranted in taking this occasion to direct attention to them. One of these is *The Critical Review of Theological and Philosophical Literature*, published quarterly in Edinburgh by T. & T. Clark, and in New York by Charles Scribner's Sons, under the accomplished editorship of Prof. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., of Aberdeen. This is the first serious attempt to found an English journal devoted exclusively to the reviewing of current theological literature. The first number, a beautifully printed octavo pamphlet of 116 pages, starts out admirably with about a score of first-rate reviews from such scholars as Drs. Rainy, Plummer, Davidson, Driver, Bruce, Reynolds, Dods, Blaikie, Candlish, Gibb, Stalker, Laidlaw, and others. It is the only English rival in the number and value of its reviews to THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED REVIEW, and students who desire to keep abreast of the rich theological literature of the day will find their interest in becoming subscribers to it from the beginning.

The other journal, which we wish to recommend to all who are interested in the spread of the Reformed Church, moves in a different but not less important sphere—a monthly journal established by one who, in comparative isolation from the great stream of Reformed life, wishes by it to further the international intercommunion of the Reformed Churches. This is the *Evangelisch-reformirte Blätter aus Oesterreich*, published at Kuttelberg, Oesterr. Schlesien, by Pastor J. G. A. Szalatnay—who at Kuttelberg has the honor of being the pastor of (with one partial exception) the only German-speaking congregation in connection with the Bohemian superintendency of the Evangelical Reformed Church. The two numbers of his beautifully printed journal that have reached us are filled with the most interesting papers bearing on the position and history of the Reformed Churches in Bohemia, Hungary, Holland, and Germany. The subscription price is only one dollar, and may be sent directly to the editor as above, by post-office money order.

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