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STUDIES IN SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGY, by Morton H. Smith. Presbyterian Reformation Society, Box 1501, Jackson, Miss. Paper, 367 pp. \$3.75.

It is a great pleasure to recommend this doctoral thesis by the able professor of Bible in Belhaven College. This is easily the most comprehensive and intensive work on the theme in print. Its value is enhanced by an excellent bibliography. The work stamps the writer as the outstanding authority on the history of Southern Presbyterian Systematic Theology. He traces theological thought in Union and Columbia seminaries from their beginnings to about 1930, giving the larger attention, quite properly, to Dabney and Thornwell. Most of those treated are men who worked and taught in systematics.

The usual course of treatment is a biographical sketch and then a study of the teacher's theology with special reference to the fields of inspiration and election, though other fields are not neglected. In general, the author finds that these professors have stood forth for Old School Calvinism as clearly and perhaps more Biblically and evangelically than did old Princeton. In several places he notices that this Calvinism did not go the whole way with the High Calvinism of New England, nor draw all the inferences that some have done in Reprobation.

In such subjects as the fall and depravity of man, the substitutionary atonement, justification by the imputation of the righteousness of Christ, the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit, we trust that this thesis will revive the faith of our spiritual fathers among us.

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