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MODERN ARCHÆOLOGY AND THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE newest and freshest of studies to-day is the science of archæology; and this is true, even though the statement may seem to contradict the very word itself, as archæology means the science and study of the most ancient things. In Palestine, Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, and other countries contiguous to the Holy Land, and frequently referred to in the Old Testament, the spade of the archæologist has been busy for many years digging up the buried records of peoples and empires that have long since passed away. These records afford an opportunity to test the trustworthiness of the Scripture record which students and critics have not been slow to utilize. (The discoveries in this sphere of scientific investigation have been more confirmatory than was even hoped, of the antiquity and historical trustworthiness of the Old Testament.) It is too soon to gather in all the results of archæological science and study; we can now only point to what is going on, and to a few discoveries of great value that have been made. We give here only a general and popular estimate of the apologetic value of these discoveries. For accurate and scientific treatment of this subject the reader is referred to the many valuable and elaborate treatises in book form that are constantly issuing from the press.

The beginnings of literature in the East are now being brought to light for the first time. A race of people known as the Semites migrated in the far distant past from their Arabian desert home northward, to the lands that we know as Babylonia

THE YOUNG PASTOR'S LIBRARY.

As a help to the theological graduate of limited means, the subjoined list of the *necessaria* of a young pastor's library is given. It is the product of the suggestions of a number of pastors and professors, each of whom was asked to give a list of the first one hundred books which in his judgment the theological graduate should possess. The several lists thus obtained have been laid side by side, and another list of one hundred, here given, made from them all, the concurrence of very many, and, in most cases, of all the recommendations, determining the placing of the items in this list. It will, therefore, be found to represent the concurrent views of many of the best advisers. It does not attempt to cover a wide range in any one of the departments of ministerial study or equipment. It names only standard works. It does not suggest any of the literature of the broader kind, especially in introduction, criticism and historical study. It is presumed that the young pastor who has a very modest amount of money to spend would rather use that little in the purchase of works which will be of real and permanent value to him. It does not make suggestions for the student of special tastes, or who will pursue special studies, but for the average graduate of our theological schools. It does not mention any of the ready-made homiletical material, in books of sermons, and so-called commentaries and other helps, now so abundant, but takes it for granted that the earnest young pastor would prefer to do his own work, and gather from original sources the material for his sermons. The very brevity and doubtless, in the judgment of some, defects in this list, will, it is hoped, lead to many suggestions which will make it much more helpful.

1. An English Bible, Authorized Version.*
2. An English Bible, Revised Version.
3. A Hebrew Bible.
4. A Greek New Testament. (Westcott & Hort's advised.)
5. A Hebrew Lexicon. (Gesenius.)
6. Harper's Elements of Hebrew Syntax.
7. Harper's Elements of Hebrew Etymology.
8. A Greek Lexicon. (Liddell & Scott.)
9. A New Testament Greek Lexicon.
10. A Bible Dictionary. (Davis' or Hastings'.)
11. An English Dictionary. (Standard, or Worcester's.)
12. A Bible Concordance. (Strong's.)
13. A Harmony of the Gospels in English. (Robinson's or Broadus'.)

14. An Analysis of the Bible. (Locke's Commonplace-book advised.)
15. Jamieson, Fawcett & Brown's Commentary on the whole Bible.
16. Matthew Henry's Commentary on the whole Bible.
17. Ellicott's Introductions to the Books of the Bible.
18. Green's Unity of Genesis.
19. Green's Moses and the Prophets.
20. Green on Job.
21. Perowne on the Psalms.
22. Newton on the Song of Solomon.
23. Alexander on Isaiah.
24. Pusey on the Minor Prophets.
25. Broadus on Matthew.
26. Morison on Mark.
27. Godet on Luke.
28. Westcott on John.
29. Alexander on the Acts.
30. Hodge or Shedd on Romans.
31. Hodge on First Corinthians.
32. Hodge on Second Corinthians.
33. Lightfoot on Galatians.
34. Eadie or Hodge on Ephesians.
35. Eadie or Lightfoot on Colossians.
36. Owen or Stuart on Hebrews.
37. Fairbairn on the Pastoral Epistles.
38. Ramsey's Spiritual Kingdom.
39. Zenos' Elements of Higher Criticism.
40. Geikie's Hours with the Bible.
41. Breed's Preparation of the World for the Coming of Christ.
42. Edersheim's Life and Times of the Messiah.
43. Stalker's Life of Christ.
44. Farrar's Life of Paul.
45. Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of Paul.
46. Calvin's Institutes.
47. Dabney's Theology.
48. Thornwell's Collected Writings.
49. Hodge's Theology.
50. Shedd's Dogmatic Theology.
51. Fisher on the Catechism.
52. Shedd's History of Doctrine.
53. Oehler's Old Testament Theology.
54. Palmer's Theology of Prayer.
55. Bernard's Progress of Doctrine in the New Testament.
56. Thomas a Kempis' Imitation of Christ.
57. Fisher's Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief.
58. Schaff-Herzog's Encyclopedia.
59. Dabney's Sacred Rhetoric.
60. Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
61. Shedd's Homiletics and Pastoral Theology.

62. Murphy's Pastoral Theology.
63. Spencer's Pastoral Sketches.
64. Trumbull on the Sabbath-School.
65. Dennis' Foreign Missions After a Century.
66. Dennis' Christian Missions and Social Progress.
67. Robinson's Discourses of Redemption.
68. Fairbairn's Typology of the Scriptures.
69. Peck's Ecclesiology.
70. Fairchild's Which is the Apostolic Church?
71. Cheney's William the Baptist.
72. Blakie's Bible History.
73. Humphrey's From Creation to the Giving of the Law.
74. Keil's Bible Archæology.
75. Thomson's Land and the Book.
76. Smith's Geography of Palestine.
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78. McCurdy's History, Prophecy, and the Monuments.
79. Fisher's History of the Christian Church.
80. D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.
81. Johnson's History of the Southern Presbyterian Church.
82. Alexander's Digest, with Supplement.
83. Palmer's Life of Thornwell.
84. Butler's Analogy.
85. Alexander's Moral Science.
86. Dabney's Practical Philosophy.
87. Weber's History of Philosophy.
88. Macaulay's History of England.
89. Myer's Ancient and Mediæval History.
90. Green's Short History of the English People.
91. Bancroft's History of the United States.
92. Livingstone's Travels.
93. Stanley's Travels.
94. Shakespeare's Works.
95. Milton's Paradise Lost.
96. Tennyson's Poems.
97. Browning's Poems.
98. Walter Scott's Waverley Novels.
99. Dickens' Works.
100. Thackeray's Works.