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THE NINETEENTH PSALM IN THE CRITICISM OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

IN the first part of the nineteenth Psalm, comprising verses 2-7, or 1-6 as numbered in the English versions, the Psalmist sings of the glory of God as displayed in the heavens:

- 2 The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
3 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
4 There is no speech nor language,
Their voice is unheard.
5 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
6 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
7 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

In the second part the glory of Jehovah's law is first extolled:

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| 8 The law of Jehovah is perfect, | restoring the soul: |
| The testimony of Jehovah is sure, | making wise the simple. |
| 9 The precepts of Jehovah are right, | rejoicing the heart: |
| The commandment of Jehovah is pure, | enlightening the eyes. |
| 10 The fear of Jehovah is clean, | enduring forever: |
| The ordinances of Jehovah are true, | and righteous altogether. |
| 11 More to be desired are they than gold, | yea, than much fine gold; |
| Sweeter also than honey | and the droppings of the honey comb. |

It will be noticed that each of these parts bears the date of 1905. They appeared within two months after the year opened; and yet a glance at the pages reveals that the author has incorporated in these pages the lexicographical discussions and discoveries of the preceding twelve months. He has, as would be expected and demanded, examined the papers presented during that year to such learned bodies as the Victoria Institute, the Society of Biblical Archaeology, the American Oriental Society, the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft; he has culled from such technical journals of 1904 as the *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie*, *Recueil des Travaux*, *American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature*; and he has gathered the material from more formal books of the year, such as Harper's *Code of Hammurabi* and Nielsen's *Altarabische Mondreligion*. But the range of the literature laid under contribution is much wider. Articles of recent years in *The Independent*, *New World*, *Expository Times*, *Zeitgeist*, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* have not escaped his searching eye. The work is up to date.

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BIBLISCHE ZEITSCHRIFT IN VERBINDUNG MIT DER REDAKTION DER BIBLISCHEN STUDIEN herausgegeben von Dr. JOH. GÖTTESBERGER und Dr. JOS. EICKENBERGER, Professoren an der Universität München. Zweiter Jahrgang. Freiburg im Breisgau: Herdersche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1904 (B. Herder, 17 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.). Per year \$3.50.

This is a periodical published by Roman Catholic scholars. It was founded in 1902 to take its place by the side of the *Biblische Studien*, edited by Dr. Bardenhewer, and favorably known by its scholarly researches, especially in the field of Patristics. The *Biblische Studien* are not a theological review properly speaking, inasmuch as each number consists of a single treatise complete in itself. The present publication brings briefer articles and book reviews. It is conducted in the interest of the "Catholic" faith, in response to the papal encyclica of 1895, which called attention to the importance and fruitfulness of Bible-study for all branches of theological learning. This positive purpose, however, in no wise interferes with the scholarly character of the articles published. The contributors, on the whole, show themselves well acquainted with the trend of modern discussion, and, as a rule, also know where the strategic positions lie from a theological standpoint. It is especially refreshing to find a scholarly review in which the opposition to modern rationalistic criticism is not a matter of difference in degree but a matter of dissent in principle. Another feature that calls for favorable comment is the cosmopolitan make-up of the staff of contributors. Austria, Germany, France are represented in the four installments of the year 1904. We have looked in vain for the name of an American contributor. Besides more extended book reviews, there is appended to each number a fairly complete list of bibliographical notices, dealing in a few words of orientation with the more important publications in the several fields of theology. This seems to us a much more valuable method than that of the usual barren bibliographies, which give nothing but titles and do not enable the reader to distinguish the wheat from the chaff.

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THE BIBLE: ITS STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE. By JOHN URQUHART. With an Introduction by ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D. Volume I, pp. 251. New York: Gospel Publishing House, 1904.

This volume is the first of what is apparently intended to be an extensive apologetic, analytic and interpretative work on the entire Scriptures. Indeed, we understand that the second volume has already been issued, and the author's plan is steadily advancing toward accomplishment.