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AUGUSTINE'S DOCTRINE OF KNOWLEDGE AND AUTHORITY.

In a former number of this REVIEW¹ we attempted to give a general exposition of Augustine's doctrine of knowledge and authority, which naturally ran up into some account of his doctrine of authority in religion. The more detailed study of this specific subject we were forced, however, to postpone to another occasion. We wish now to take up this topic and to make as clear as possible Augustine's teaching concerning it.

The cardinal facts to bear in mind are that, to speak broadly, with Augustine the idea of Authority coalesces with that of Revelation, the idea of Revelation with that of Apostolicity, and the idea of Apostolicity with that of Scripture. With him therefore the whole question of authority in religion is summed up in the questions whether there is a revelation from God in existence, where that revelation is to be found, and how it is validated to and made the possession of men: while the master-key to these problems lies in the one word apostolicity. Whatever is apostolic is authoritative, because behind the apostles lies the authority of Christ, who chose, appointed and endowed the apostles to be the founders of His Church; and Christ's authority is the authority of God, whose Son and Revelation

¹ THE PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL REVIEW, July, 1907, pp. 353-397.

far off. In times when the Church is an *ecclesia pressa*, people are willing to lend their ears to heralds of the future.

Dr. Greydanus, in making Eschatology his theme, confines himself to an exposition of the apocalypse. It is not his aim to add a learned exegetical treatise to those already existing; his desire is to interpret the revelation, given to John, for the people. There is a place for such a book. In a time when heavenly mindedness is branded as otherworldliness, it seems to be necessary that the Church of God should listen to what the Spirit has to say about the things which must shortly come to pass.

Judging from the two parts which are before me, I think that Dr. Greydanus is the right man for the task he has undertaken.

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BIBLISCHE ZEITSCHRIFT IN VERBINDUNG mit der Redaktion der "Biblichen Studien herausgegeben von DR. JOH. GÖTTSCHE, Professor an der Universität München und DR. JOS. SICKENBERGER, Professor an der Universität Würzburg. Vierter Jahrgang. Freiburg im Breisgau. 1906. Herdersche Verlagsbuchhandlung. B. Herder: St. Louis, Mo. Price for four numbers, \$3.50.

This periodical, published by Roman-Catholic scholars, in the numbers lying before us throughout maintains the high standard, both as to learning and conservatism, it set for itself in the first three years of its existence. Especially exegesis and introduction are well represented by a series of valuable articles. What we miss are contributions dealing not so much with the externals of Biblical science as with the great historical and doctrinal problems now under debate. The comparative neglect of this is especially noticeable in the instalments of the year under review. There is not a single article dealing with a biblico-theological question. The bibliographical notices at the close of each number continue to prove a most interesting and instructive feature of this publication.

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HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

DIE ÄLTESTE REDAKTION DER AUGSBURGER KONFESSION MIT MELANCHTHON'S EINLEITUNG, zum erstenmal herausgegeben und geschichtlich gewürdigt von D. THEODOR KOLDE, o. Prof. der Kirchengeschichte in Erlangen. Gütersloh: Druck und Verlag von C. Bertelsmann. 1906. 8vo., pp. iv. 115. 2 M., geb. 2 M. 80 Pf.

This brochure makes a considerable contribution to our knowledge of the origin of the Augsburg Confession of 1530. Having had his attention directed to a manuscript recently discovered by Dr. Karl Schornbaum in one of the Nuremberg archives, Prof. Kolde soon convinced himself that the document formed a most important link in the