

adopts and follows the methods of form-criticism — and form-criticism is of its very life's blood — it is bound to arrive at conclusions that are in nature essentially sceptical. This is seen, for example, in Nielsen's treatment of Genesis 6-9 (despite the fact that his treatment of the passage is more or less provisional), and it is also seen in Engnell's assertion that we cannot obtain the original words of the prophets.<sup>1</sup>

While, therefore, we can agree with much of the criticism of the methods of the literary-critical school — and conservatives have been uttering such criticism right along — we feel that the new school will lead to an attitude of hostility toward the true supernatural character of the Old Testament as a work given by special divine revelation, an attitude which is basically more serious than that of the older liberal "higher criticism".

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F. W. Grosheide: *Het Heilig Evangelie volgens Mattheus*. Kampen: J. H. Kok N. V. 1954. 464. Fl. 18.75.

In the November, 1951 issue of this *Journal* the completion of the "Bottenburg" series of New Testament commentaries was hailed as marking a publishing milestone of rare significance and the development of the work as a whole was surveyed. In the same review particular account was taken of Professor Grosheide's Commentary on the Gospel according to John, since this two-volume work constituted the final contribution to the series which had been initiated by Grosheide and Greijdanus some thirty years before. The present notice is to a large extent a footnote which calls attention to the new auspices under which the Commentary will henceforth appear. For a time it seemed that, practically coincident with the completion of this great project, it was threatened with going out of print since the house of Bottenburg could not guarantee its perpetuation. A happy solution has been achieved, however, as the enterprising firm of J. H. Kok is stepping into the breach.

Not satisfied with merely reprinting the older commentaries, moreover, the new publishers, working in close collaboration with Professor Gros-

<sup>1</sup> "Profetens *ipsissima verba* kunna endast till dels särskiljas. Och att jaga efter dem är principiellt förfelat" (Ivan Engnell: "Prophetia och Tradition" in *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok*, XII (1947), p. 118).