

is the case, then one can only hope that Collins does not project an unworthy image of its post-conciliar readers, and that they are in fact as athirst for the sources and as dis-

criminating and exigent in their search as were those who were living merely in the hope of change inspired by *ressourcement*.

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PROCLAMATION AND PRESENCE, Old Testament Essays in honour of Gwynne Henton Davies, edited by John I. Durham and J. Roy Porter. *S.C.M.*, 1970. xx + 315 pp. 80s.

This *Festschrift* in honour of the distinguished Baptist Old Testament scholar and Principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, contains all the names one could hope for: Eissfeldt, de Vaux, Eichrodt, John Bright, Cazelles and others of similar distinction. Many of the most important contributions to biblical scholarship are to be found in the many *Festschriften* which have become fashionable in recent years. But the articles always vary in importance and originality, since the scholars invited to contribute cannot always guarantee to have an exciting new idea on hand or to be working on some penetrating new discovery. The contributions to this collection show the careful scholarship which is to be expected from such distinguished specialists, but few of them are of far-reaching significance. Most are

investigations of small points of interest only to the specialist in a particular period, e.g. Ap-Thomas' investigation into the meaning of *prs* in 1 Kings 5, 6 (he eventually settles on 'horse' rather than 'horseman', with a probability that 'mare' is meant). Of more interest are some articles which centre round the end of the pre-exilic period, a study of the deuteronomic legislator as a proto-rabbinic type by J. Weingreen, Eichrodt's study of Isaiah's attitude to the covenant, and two articles on the book of Jeremiah (John Bright on the 'Confessions' of Jeremiah and James Muilenburg on the characteristics and importance of Baruch the scribe). A fair working knowledge of Hebrew is required for a profitable reading of almost every article.

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