

MISCELLANEOUS.

HEINRICH JULIUS HOLTZMANN.

OBITUARY.

We are just in receipt of the announcement of the demise of Dr. Heinrich Julius Holtzmann, Professor Emeritus of the theological faculty of the University of Strassburg, who, on August 4, 1910, passed away in Baden-Baden at the advanced age of seventy-eight years.

Some years ago we published an article on the life and career of Professor Holtzmann in *The Open Court* (XVI, 257) referring to him as a typical example of a modern theologian who, coming from the orthodox camp, had gradually broadened out under the influence of scientific inquiry, and without breaking with the past has developed into a man of science, sharing with his colleagues of other faculties, among them also the naturalists, an adhesion to the scientific world-conception which is fast becoming the common property of all educated people.

Professor Holtzmann was born May 17, 1832, in Carlsruhe, Baden. He studied theology at Heidelberg in 1861 and in 1874 was called to the University of Strassburg, where he remained until 1904, when he retired to Baden-Baden. But the period of retirement did not mean leisure to him, for he continued his literary, especially his editorial, work of the *Theologische Jahresberichte* most diligently up to the very last.

His speciality was the New Testament, and his several works are counted as most comprehensive and reliable expositions of the present state of inquiry. We mention here as the most important ones his books on "The Synoptic Gospels" (1863), "Critique of the Epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians" (1872), "The Pastoral Epistles" (1880); while his "Textbook (*Lehrbuch*) of the Historico-critical Introduction to the New Testament" (1885) as well as his "Commentary (*Hand-Commentar*) on the New Testament" have passed through several editions, and are still indispensable works of reference. He further published a "Textbook of New Testament Theology," "The Messianic Consciousness of Jesus," and a great many smaller works and essays. Not the least part of his activity consisted in editing the *Theologische Jahresberichte*, the scientific standing of which is unquestioned in both orthodox and liberal circles.

SEMITIC AND SUMERIAN; A STUDY IN ORIGINS.

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This is the title of the contribution of the Rev. C. J. Ball, M.A. of Oxford, to the *Hilprecht Anniversary Volume*. He clearly shows that there exists a