

ready to assert that the theories of the Graf-Kuenen-Wellhausen school represented the concensus of opinion of nearly all scholars. In recent years there is occuring among scholars more and more of a retreat from the theories of Wellhausen, even while popular acceptance of the basic tenets of the theory is becoming more widespread. Trained scholars are giving up many of its most fundamental positions, because the new material from archeology shows them to be untenable.

The Christian world is now confronted with a very strange situation. On the one hand scholarship, which fifty years ago had to so large an extent accepted the Higher Criticism, is being led further and further away from the critical views and the divisive hypotheses, as a result of the new light from archeology. On the other hand the ecclesiastical world, which until recently stood largely in opposition to the Higher Criticism, has now capitulated to it, at least as far as many of the leading denominations in America and in Europe are concerned. As one instance of this, let us look at the large denomination in the northern part of the United States which calls itself the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. ( in distinction from the similar body in the southern part of our