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Protestant Thought: From Rousseau to Ritschl. By Karl Barth. Harper. 435 pages. Price, \$7.00. Readers who have come to think of Karl Barth as a dogmatic theologian owe it to themselves and Barth himself to take a look at the man's earlier self. Eleven chapters of *Die Protestantische Theologie im 19. Jahrhundert*, printed in translation under the heading, *Protestant Thought: From Rousseau to Ritschl*, will serve as an excellent introduction to Barth as an historian of doctrine.

The work is refreshingly objective. Barth treats each thinker in terms of that thinker's own ideas. Each treatment is given against a backdrop that inter-relates philosophy, theology and culture.

Following an opening chapter on "Man in the Eighteenth Century," Barth proceeds