discussions of various plants and foods; and (10) "Crafts," including an interesting five-page discussion of metallurgy in the OT world.

Brief notes, bibliography, and indexes of subjects, names, and authors conclude the book. Don't let the title mislead you. The focus is on Jeremiah, but packed into these pages is a mini-course in Old Testament studies, with numerous insights directly relevant to translators.

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## BRIEFLY NOTED

Textual scholarship, an introduction by D.C.Greetham (New York/London: Garland 1992, 559 pp, $56.00) provides a comprehensive survey of "textuality," that is, conceptual and mechanical aspects of the generation of a "text." Translators can benefit from a knowledge of book production, typography and the limitations as well as the opportunities they present. Greetham also discusses general aspects of textual criticism and editing. A handy, yet thorough, guide for translators.

Textuality of the Medieval Bible, especially in relation to its function in Church and academy, is analyzed by Margaret T. Gibson in *The Bible in the Latin west* ("The Medieval Book, 1", Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame 1993, 112 pp, including 28 plates, $26.95). The codicology of texts, beyond the mechanics of assembling a manuscript book, affected canonical issues as well as the reception and use of the Bible.

The book of Daniel, an annotated bibliography, compiled by Henry O. Thompson (New York/London: Garland 1993, 588 pp, $84.00) launches a new series, "Books of the Bible." The scope of coverage is representative and comprehensive for English and major European language publications of the last fifty years, and selective for earlier works. Many entries are annotated. This volume lists over 1800 items, arranged in alphabetical order by author, with a thorough Subject Index.

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No. 170/171 (1994) of the United Bible Societies *Bulletin* (156 pp), is devoted entirely to Current Trends in Scripture Translation. It is obtainable from the UBS World Service Center, Reading Bridge House, Reading RG1 8PJ, U.K.

Dr. Jocelyn Murray, editorial assistant of *The Bible Translator* since April 1978, and of *Technical Papers* since January 1987, has retired. We are grateful for her seventeen years of effective and devoted service. Her successor is Ms Rosario Yu, UBS Translation Administrative Officer based in Hong Kong.

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