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volumes show a fine appreciation of the main teachings of the New Testament and abound in passages that show great analytic skill and spiritual wisdom.

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The Great Texts of the Bible: St. John xiii-xxi. The Great Texts of the Bible: James to Jude. Edited by the Rev. JAMES HASTINGS, D.D., Editor of "The Expository Times", "The Dictionary of the Bible", "The Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels", and "The Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics". Two volumes. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1912. 8vo; vi, 458; vi, 433. Each \$3.00 net.

These are the ninth and tenth volumes in the monumental expository work on the Bible under the editorship of Dr. Hastings. Like their predecessors, these latest additions to the series are made up mainly of excerpts taken from sermons, essays, commentaries and discussions by men of various schools of thought and ecclesiastical connection. The texts thus "illuminated" are doubtless among the most important passages in the books from which they are taken, but one is puzzled in trying to account for some of the omissions. Thus the whole of the nineteenth chapter of John's Gospel is passed over in silence, while the last chapter is represented by only two passages. James furnishes only two texts, 2 Peter likewise only two, and Jude but one. Such gaps call for a considerable discount from the publisher's claim that this is "the fullest and most practical expository work of the time".

For many readers the best feature of the work will be found in the excellent bibliographical notes preceding the treatment of each text.

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The New Opportunities of the Ministry. By FREDERICK LYNCH, Author of "The Enlargement of Life", "Is Life Worth Living"? "The Peace Problem", etc. With Introduction by Professor Hugh Black of Union Theological Seminary. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. 1912. 12mo; pp. 128. 75 cents net.

After an introductory chapter dealing with the main reasons, as he conceives them, for the falling off during recent years in the number of the candidates for the gospel ministry, the author reviews "the older opportunities" still presented to this vocation, and then treats, in ten chapters, what he regards as relatively new fields of service that still make it possible for the right sort of pastor to be the most useful man of the age. These new fields are named "the new religious education, the new biblical scholarship, the challenges of the new paganism, the combating of the new atheism, the new social gospel, missions and the call for statesmen, the challenge of the new America, the restoration of a united church, the enlarged ethical opportunity, the new evangelism". The "newness" of some of these activities may not be apparent to some of our faithful ministers who have spent decades in the work of the pastorate along so many of these very lines of labor. But there is

a ringing challenge in these chapters that cannot but impress the thoughtful young man with the great opportunities for service that the ministry of our day affords. The appeal of the book is as forceful as it is timely.

The discussion of "the new social gospel" is not altogether satisfactory. It is not wanting, indeed, in fairness, so far as the estimate of the church's influence upon society in the past is concerned, but there are statements that need to be revised in the interests of accuracy. The following is an example: "She [the church] is going to make a thorough and complete study of the whole problem of capital and labour, the relationship of employer and employee, and is ultimately going to conceive an economic system where, by cooperation, these embittering strikes and lockouts will become things forgotten, and the very causes of poverty will be so abolished that we shall no longer have the poor with us always, and all men shall together praise God for His supplying, through these new labours of the Church, their daily bread."

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The Preacher: His Life and Work. Yale Lectures. By REV. J. H. JOWETT, D.D., Pastor Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, Author of "Apostolic Optimism", "The Passion for Souls", "The Silver Lining", etc. New York: Hodder & Stoughton: George H. Doran Company. 1912. 8vo; pp. 239. \$1.25 net.

In beginning the course of Lectures here published, Dr. Jowett said to the divinity students in his audience: "I stand before you, therefore, as a fellow-labourer, who has been over a certain part of the field, and my simple purpose is to dip into the pool of my experiences, to record certain practical judgments and discoveries, and to offer counsels and warnings which have been born out of my own successes and defeats." And it is the rich autobiographical and personal element in these discourses that will be their chief charm for most readers. The subjects are few and familiar: the call to be a preacher, the preacher's perils, the preacher's themes, the preacher in his study, the preacher in his pulpit, the preacher in the home, and the preacher as a man of affairs. But the blood-streak of a varied Christian and pastoral experience runs through the whole discussion, and the many suggestions and counsels given by the distinguished preacher commend themselves as sound, practical and helpful. The style is strong, pointed and graceful, always luminous and frequently brilliant.

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The Pew to the Pulpit or Letters From Laymen. York, Pa.: P. Anstandt & Sons, 1911. 12mo; pp. 64. 20 cents postpaid.

This pamphlet contains thirty-five anonymous letters written by laymen in response to the question submitted to them by the Lutheran (General Synod) Ministerial Association of Philadelphia, "What would