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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