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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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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