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*The Ministry of the Word.* By the REV. W. C. E. NEWBOLT, M.A., Canon and Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral. London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1913. 12mo; pp. vi, 135. 90 cents net.

The title of this volume is rather too general to suit the specific aim of the author, which is to show "that words spoken from the pulpit are first and foremost a message from God; and that therefore the spiritual storing of the heart and mind is the main and most pressing requisite for the preacher". The whole subject is viewed from the spiritual side, and the stress is laid upon the personal qualifications of the minister for his high calling and upon the means to be used in securing these. The author speaks out of a strong conviction, in which many, if not most, of his readers will agree with him, that "preaching at the present moment seems to be suffering from a contemptuous disparagement in those who hear, and from a misunderstanding on the part of those who speak", and that the remedy for both evils can be found only in a return to a more biblical conception of the work of the ministry.

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*Modern Christianity Or The Plain Gospel Modernly Expounded.* By JOHN P. PETERS, Ph.D., Sc.D., D.D. Rector of St. Michael's Church, New York, and Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1909. 12mo; pp. viii, 323.

Modern Christianity, if one were to judge from this volume of sermons, is a rather vague affair, and, so far as it is here clearly interpreted, a much poorer and far less attractive boon than that which the New Testament offers us. Dr. Peters divides his discourses into two parts—nineteen on "Doctrines of the Church" and eight on "The Social Teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ", a division of material that hardly permits the doing of justice to either part. As a matter of fact Christianity in these pages offers us little more than an ideal, good and true enough for many practical purposes, but needing for its realization somewhat more of divine grace than is here proclaimed. We admire the fearlessness and the directness with which these parish sermons enforce the ethical teachings of the Gospel, but we sadly miss the sweetest and most comforting notes that even the modern sinner must hear if the salvation of Christ is to be good news.

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*Expository Preaching: Plans and Methods.* By REV. F. B. MEYER, B.A. New York: George H. Doran Company. 1910. 12mo; pp. vi, 141. \$1.00 net.

Mr. Meyer makes a noble and forceful plea for a larger use of the expository method of preaching and gives many helpful directions for the attainment of success in this department of the minister's work. Each of the six chapters is followed by an expository sermon of the author's in which he illustrates the leading points emphasized in the