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The Afterglow of God: Sunday Evenings in a Glasgow Pulpit. By the Rev. G. H. MORRISON, M.A., Glasgow. New York and London: Hodder and Stoughton. 1912. 8vo; pp. xii, 387. \$1.35 net.

This is one of the most interesting and helpful volumes of sermons we have read in recent years. We cannot but feel that the distinguished minister of the Wellington Church of Glasgow must be achieving a large measure of success in trying to "win the attention, in honorable ways, of some at least of that vast class of people who to-day sit so lightly to the church". For "the unsearchable riches of Christ" are presented in these messages with great clearness, freshness and power. It matters little from what text the discourse takes its departure, the paths traversed invariably bring us face to face with Christ and that not seldom upon the very heights of Calvary. The sermons reveal a deep insight into biblical truth and its adaptation to every variety of human experience.

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Living Messages of the Books of The Bible: Matthew to Colossians.
Living Messages of The Bible: I. Thessalonians to Revelation. By the Rev. G. CAMPBELL MORGAN, D.D. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company. Two volumes. 12mo; pp. 223, 226; each \$1.00 net.

These two volumes complete Dr. Morgan's work as an expositor of the "Living Messages of the Bible". Each of the New Testament books is analyzed as to its doctrinal contents, which are synthetically presented under two captions, "The Essential Message" and "The Application." "The essential message" is in each instance subdivided into "the central teaching" and "the abiding appeal", while "the application" invariably deals with two of the following objects, "the individual", "the church", "the world". Doubtless most readers will feel that this method of setting forth the specific and characteristic teachings of the several documents is somewhat arbitrary. One finds it hard to see why some verses should be chosen as constituting "the abiding appeal" of the book, while others are taken as furnishing the matter that needs special applicatory emphasis for the Christian or the church or the world of to-day. The excessive use of alliteration in the statements of the main divisions of the teaching of some of the books and the striking correspondences and contrasts in various elements that fill up the one and only framework used for the disposition of the materials seem rather artificial. Thus "the central teaching" of 2 Peter is on the "responsibilities of grace"; "(i) Resources creating Responsibility" and "(ii) Responsibilities created by Resources". Again, "the abiding appeal" of Ephesians is to "walk worthily"; "(i) according to the eternal plan, (ii) appropriating the eternal power" and "(iii) approaching the eternal purpose". "The abiding appeal" of Philippians deals with "(i) the resources, (ii) the responsibility, (iii) the rules" pertaining to our duty to "have the same mind" in us which was also in Christ Jesus. But in spite of the rigidity of the method used and in spite of the fragmentary presentation of the contents of some of the larger books, the

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