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The Great Texts of the Bible. Edited by the Rev. James Hastings, D.D., editor of the *Expository Times*, etc. St. Mark. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, 1910. Pages 515. Price, \$3.00, net.

Dr. Hastings has undertaken a very difficult task, but he has achieved a great success on the whole. The most vital passages in Mark's Gospel are handled with copious illustrations from current literature. The context and circumstances receive full treatment and a good outline is given. It is this outline of the text that may prove a pitfall to the preacher who merely follows it in his sermon. That is not necessary, but it is a danger. But there is a great deal of rich material in convenient form for ready use, the result of much reading and study. This book is not meant to take the place of critical

commentaries and should not be so used. It is admirably designed in its purpose if it is not abused. If the whole series is subscribed for the books may be obtained at ten dollars a volume.

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Zur Neutestamentlichen Chronologie und Golgotha's Ortslage. Von Friedrich Westberg. A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung. S. 144. M. 3. Leipzig, 1911.

Dr. Westbury is "Oberlehrer" at Riga and is known from his "Die Biblische Chronologie nach Flavius Josephus und das Todesjahr Jesu." In the present volume he goes over part of the same ground by way of confirmation of the position already taken. It cannot be said that he is conclusive and satisfactory in his arguments. He still holds to the view that James was born B. C. 12 (S. 31) and put to death A. D. 33 (S. 22). The arguments adduced are more specious than convincing especially in view of Ramsay's arguments about the Augustan Census in *Was Christ Born at Bethlehem?* The author thinks that the star seen by the wise men was Halley's Comet (S. 46) which appeared between B. C. 12 and 11. He is sure (S. 52) that Paul's last journey to Jerusalem was in A. D. 55. There is much learning but not always a clear vision. He holds to "Gordon's Golgotha" to the north of Jerusalem.

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The Eschatology of the Gospels. By Ernest Von Dobschütz, D.D., Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the University of Strassburg. New York and London. Hodder and Stoughton. Pages 207. Price 5 shillings.

Dr. Dobschütz spoke on this subject at the summer school of theology at Oxford and wrote four papers in *The Expositor*. He has done well to publish these in book form. He has kept his head on a subject where many go astray. It is very easy to wander into a bog on this theme. Eschatology is a subject well to the fore in present criticism and demands thorough and sane treatment such as it here receives. The present book discusses "The Significance of Early Christian Eschatology," "The Problem and its History," "Various Tendencies in the Transmission of the Gospel," "Two More Features in the Gen-