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The Teaching of the Lesson. A Pocket Commentary on the International Lessons for 1914. By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D., Hodder and Stoughton, New York. George H. Doran Company. 25 cents.

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Fahre fort! Neue Predigten. Von Prof. D. Wilh. Walther. Konsistorialrat, Universitätsprediger in Rostock. Leipzig: A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung. 1911. Marks 2.60. Geb. 3.40.

Jesu Liebe zu Seinen Jüngern und Feinden. Zwei Jahrgänge Passionspredigten. Von Hugo Wiebers, Pastor in Altona. Zweite Auflage. Leipzig. A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung. 1911. Marks 1.20. Geb. 1.60.

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Altchristliche Städte und Landschaften. I. Konstantinopel. (324-450). Von D. Dr. Victor Schultze. A. Deichert'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Leipzig, 1913. 292 pages. Mk. 15.

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