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The New Testament from 26 Translations. We are asked to point out that this book, which was reviewed in our last issue, is also available in a British edition, published by Marshall, Morgan and Scott, price 84s.



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