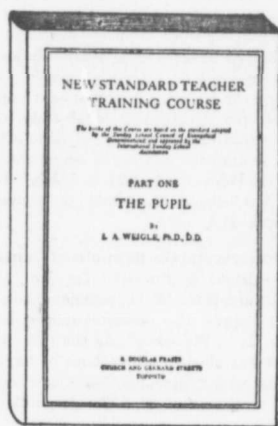


There I see the boy Saul watching the ships with his companions; shouting to the lumbermen floating past; climbing on the bales of goods piled along the quay; listening to the traders, in their varied costumes and varied dialects, from all parts of the empire. And the lad evidently took notice, for long afterwards in his letters we find the illustrations of the sealing, and the earnest money, and the branding of bales, and the hucksterings, and the adulteration of goods." It is this sort of description that makes the book a story, not an essay.

There are two most commendable features about **Social Plans for Young People**, by Christian F. Reimer (The Abingdon Press, New York, 254 pages, 75c.). The first of its attractions is the author's sane conception of the place of socials in church life. The second worthy quality of the book is that it really does give definite methods and many suggestions for the conduct of such effort. It contains 254 practical, wide-awake, tested plans. There are outlines of socials of a happy, rollicking nature; outlines of others in which intelligence is recognized and that are specially prepared for stimulating educational development. Again, many of the methods of entertainment have been drawn up with an eye to planting religious information, to promoting various forms of church aid work, to associating the young people with everyday practical problems. There are various guessing tests and suggestions for refreshments. The book represents years of experience of a pastor who has been specially successful in this work. He gives methods which he has had a chance of applying and which he knows are interesting and workable.

The girls and boys of a village school and their teacher set out to repair, furnish and decorate an old cottage near their schoolhouse. When finished, it was to be the home of their teacher, and the school centre for the community. **The Home and the Family**, by Helen Kline and Anna M. Cooley, B.S. (The Macmillan Company of New York, U. S., and Toronto, Canada, 286 pages, 80c.), describes some of the useful lessons these young people learned as to how comfort and beauty may be had at very small cost. Colors for paper and paint and floor-coverings, and strength and beauty in furniture, were among the points carefully considered. The cottage completed, the girls learned how to keep it clean, to care for the garbage, to do laundry work, and other necessary housework. There are chapters, too, on health, and on the care of the baby of the family. The whole book is both interesting and practical.

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