

187 pages; illustrated; price \$1.00), consists of a number of chapters or shorter extracts, such as are likely to interest boys, from some of Parkman's best known books, chiefly, *The Conspiracy of Pontiac*, and *La Salle and the Discovery of the Great West*. All the chapters are connected, in one way or another, with Indians and their manners, customs and history, and the compiler has succeeded in making a very stirring boys' book, and one which will drive the young reader to Parkman's books themselves for fuller details. The illustrations also, beginning with the fine frontispiece of *An Indian Embassy*, are such as will immediately grip the attention of boys.

The "teen" age is the confessedly hardest to cater for. It is easy enough to write for grown people *about* growing boys, but it is quite another thing to write *for* boys—on their own level. I. T. Thurston has the secret, as shown in such stories as "The Big Brother of Sabin Street", and "The Bishop's Shadow." Another has now been added in *The Scout Master of Troop 5* (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 288 pages, several full page scout illustrations, \$1.00 net). The story is full of the things that boys love, from camp life and adventure to the daily life among boys of the slums. Its hero, Sidney Hart, begins by running away from home—a wealthy, luxurious home, with all the love and care of fond parents, because the spirit of adventure runs hot in his veins, and the desire to be and do something "real"; begins thus, and ends with the same Sidney this Scout Master of Troop 5 marshaled from the slums, and learning under his big-brotherly guidance to obey the Scout law, and

thus become self-respecting lads and the making of good citizens. The book is a "find" for those who wish to provide boys with something which they will read—and which will do them good.

"They seem to me of the finest and strongest and most helpful deliverances that have been penned 'since spoken word man's spirit stirred beyond his belly need' "—so an ardent admirer speaks of Herbert Kaufman's essays of which *Do Something! Be Something!* (George H. Doran Company, New York, Musson Book Company, Toronto, 112 pages, 75c. net) is the sixth volume. Perhaps the encomium is rather too rosy tinted; but certainly the "new philosophy of human efficiency" which Kaufman preaches in the brief, pointed, bullet-like paragraphs of which the eighteen chapters of this little volume are made up is a strong tonic. "It is the dictum of work, success, confidence, honesty and truth", and set forth in epigrams: "No man is secure who feels a sense of security. Self-complacency is a frost—it kills growth. Self-satisfaction is a rust—it dulls brilliance." "Go over in the corner, have a good half-hour's chat with your record (this in capital letters) If you're ashamed to face yourself, don't blame the rest of us if we don't like your face." For those who need rousing up and cheering on, Mr. Kaufman's little book may be recommended as a "sure cure."

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