

pages, is valuable. Teachers and parents will not find in this volume an answer to all their questions about the boy, but the reading of it will start them on many useful lines of enquiry. The great secret of helping the boy to what is good, as the author has discovered—and the discovery is not new, though mostly overlooked—is to develop his activities in proper directions; and whilst the school and the boys' club and societies of various sorts may do much for the boy, Dr. Forbush declares with emphasis: "The greatest means of helping the boy is the home." And he adds: "It is the evening lamp that is home's lighthouse. A home without a good eventime is a home without hope. The way a boy's day ends at home is a prophecy of the way his life will end."

**Studies of the Man Paul.** By Robert E. Speer. Fleming H. Revell Co., 303 pages; price 75 cents.

Although this book has been before the public for two years, we select it for notice, because it is of present interest to the Sabbath School teachers and older scholars who are now studying the career of the great apostle of the Gentiles. Personality is daily becoming a greater force in the world. A man's influence in the world depends not so much on what he can do as on what he is. The aim of this little book is to set before us the man Paul himself. Its author believes that what Paul was, "determined and explained what he did" in a truer sense that "what he did shaped and moulded him." In eight chapters, marked by the sugges-

tiveness and insight with which we have become familiar in Mr. Speer's writings, is traced the growth and conflicts of that great spirit, through whom, mainly, the religion of Jesus Christ became a religion for the world. Those who have not leisure to read the larger biographies of Paul will find much that is helpful and inspiring in this more modest volume.

**Missionary Readings for Missionary Programmes.** Belle M. Brain. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto; 235 pages, 60c.

"Died of inanition" is the epitaph on many a young people's missionary society, and the inanition has been mostly due to an improper diet. There has either been not enough food, or the food has been badly served—hard facts, served up in the raw, and without garnishing. There is nothing that is relished by young people like a good story well told, and missionary literature abounds in such. Miss Brain's little volume sets out some twenty-five lively selections from authors as well-known as Paton, and McKay of Formosa, and Chamberlain and Gale, and Egerton Young. They are not all "fit for Sunday", but they are all eminently readable, and suitable for the fireside, as well as the young people's meeting.

**Chestnutwood Tales.** By S. O'H. Dickson, Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va., 87 pages; price 60 cents.

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