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The Life and Work of St. Paul. By F. W. FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 801, with coloured maps. Price, \$2.00.

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