

at Work," "Securing Efficient Church Officers," "Successful Church Diplomacy" and "Securing New Policies, Plans and Equipment." G. L. DOBBINS.

**Serving the Neighborhood.** By Ralph A. Felton. Interchurch World Movement, New York. 153 pp. Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents.

This is one of the books growing out of the Interchurch "surveys" that is well worth while. The author wisely steers clear of "union programs" and "community church" schemes and confines himself to a discussion of what a local church can do to better conditions in country, town and city through simple forms of practical social service. The book abounds in well chosen illustrations which portray the needs to be met in all sorts of communities, the stories being true to life and seldom overdrawn. Not only will pastors find it suggestive and exceedingly interesting but young people's leaders who are seeking for expressional activities in which organized classes, B. Y. P. U.'s, etc., may engage will find many forms of helpful service suggested that will at once commend themselves as practical. The writer's appeal for the improvement of country social life through the church shows sympathy and appreciation. The chapters on "Home Making, A Christian Calling," "The New Health Crusade" and "Education Through Play" are sensible, appealing and full of human interest.

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## VII. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE CHILDREN.

**The Why and How of Missions in the Sunday School.** By William Brown. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 127 pp. 50 cents net.

Several books have appeared recently dealing with the phase of missions in the Sunday school and suggesting methods for making the Sunday school more effective in the teaching and

promotion of missions. This small volume by Mr. Brown is one of the best of these efforts. The author shows an understanding and appreciation of the modern Sunday school and his plans for missionary instruction and stimulation are for the most part quite practical. The most valuable feature of the book is its lists of books and other helps, carefully graded to meet the needs of various departments from the Cradle Roll to the Adults. Sunday school superintendents and heads of departments will find the book especially helpful.

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**Plans for Sunday School Evangelism.** By Frank L. Brown. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 223 pp. \$1.50 net.

Instead of thinking of the Sunday school as a rival of the preaching service, or as a burden on his time and energy, more and more the pastor is coming to think of it as one of his most fruitful fields of labor, and opportunity for service in it one of his greatest joys. Mr. Brown believes in the Sunday school, being himself a successful superintendent, but he likewise believes in evangelism and the church. He rather decries the method of annual revivals as the chief means of reaching young people for church membership and instead proposes many plans for perennial soul winning. His outlines of preparation for and execution of "Decision Day" plans are simple and clear and while perhaps too elaborate for the average school, can easily be adapted in essential method to smaller schools. The form letters which he has used in his own school to good effect are printed and contain valuable hints; and his advertising schemes show originality and serious thought. This book in the hands of superintendents and teachers will undoubtedly intensify the evangelistic spirit of the school and result in great good.

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