

agency we have for this supremely important task. One of the most interesting experiments of our age to increase the efficiency of the Sunday school as an educational agency is the "vacation religious day school," with its carefully organized course of study, its five-days-a-week session and its trained teachers, employed to give the same thorough course of instruction in the Bible and related studies as is given in the day schools. Miss Stafford has brought together with much attention to details the most successful plans worked out thus far in this experiment. The book is stimulating and suggestive, though given too much to outlines of courses of study and too little to practical discussion of methods by which the scheme may be put into effect.

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The Children's Great Texts of the Bible. Edited by James Hastings, D. D. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Six volumes, 300 pp. each. \$3.25 per volume or \$15 for the net of six.

Thoughtful pastors and other Christian workers are giving increasing attention to the problem of attracting and holding the children and young people for the preaching services of the church. Method and device have proven of little avail when the entire service has been planned and carried out with a view to reaching the adult congregation alone. Among the many helpful books intended to make the preaching services more attractive for young people this series will take high place. It is carefully edited, after the plan of the "Great Texts of the Bible" series, texts being selected that yield themselves most readily to treatment that will interest children and an abundance of material provided for working out sermon and lesson from the text. The chief weakness of the material is that it grows out of the experiences and interests of young people of another day than ours and will be found to fail of making a point of contact with the average American adolescent of today. If young people were only so unsophisticated as those for whom the majority of the

illustrations are intended, we should not have the pressing difficulties that confront us in trying to reach them! The volumes will make an exceedingly valuable addition to the library of any worker with young people.

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Vocations Within the Church. By Leonidas W. Crawford. The Abingdon Press, New York. 210 pp. \$1.25.

Both in the homeland and on foreign fields the demand has been steadily growing for vocational Christian workers—those who dedicate themselves to specific Christian service in other fields than that of the ordained ministry. The author undertakes to present the varied and attractive opportunities that have opened and are opening to young men and women of high Christian education, in the home and foreign mission fields, in ministries of healing, in writing and publishing, in allied business and technical lines. The book is particularly valuable for pastors and educators who deal with young people seeking to determine their life work in the light of the world's needs and their own altruistic impulses. It is a fine volume to place in the hands of talented young men and woman who are undecided as to their vocations, but who might be led to consider the many lines of Christian activity which have ordinarily been given little emphasis.

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