

mander of a most active and efficient corps in the anti-poverty army, the organized charity workers. While the survey of the strongholds of misery that await attack is depressing, the calm confidence of the general that all are vulnerable lightens the gloom. His strategy is so far-reaching and so ably argued, his knowledge of the hostile forces so exact, his confidence so unwavering, that the reader almost hears the victorious shouts of the regiments making the onslaught. "Poverty can and must be abolished"; that is the rallying cry. It has given fresh spirit to both volunteers and regulars. For long time it was shouted by Socialist guerrillas, single tax raiders and unorganized volunteers. They had neither the strength, prestige nor discipline to command confidence and carry important positions. But the great army of health officers, prison reformers and friendly visitors, of workers in hospitals, asylums, almshouses, reformatories and homes of refuge, on child labor and tenement house committees, in public education associations and unemployment bureaus—these are a formidable host that, once led to an attack on poverty itself as the arch enemy, will carry positions that have looked impregnable. Their expectations are audacious and yet sane:

"Sound heredity; protected childhood; a prolonged working age; freedom from preventable disease and from professional crime; indemnity against the economic losses occasioned by death, accident, illness and compulsory idleness; rational education; charity; normal standards of living and a social religion—these surely are not unreasonable demands. I hope one day to see them incorporated in a political platform. They are all in line of proved and attainable ambitions. No revolutionary principle need be invoked to compass these ends."

Misery and Its Causes. By Dr. Edward T. Devine. New York: The Macmillan Co. \$1.25.

"This is a war budget. We wage implacable war against poverty," said Mr. Lloyd-George, in closing his British budget speech. Dr. Devine's book is the plan of campaign for such a war in America, a plan laid out by the com-