

the many differences in procedure obtaining in various states. Besides elucidating principles by showing their applications to typical states, he has emphasized the fitness of particular political organizations to the temper and the development of different peoples.

The shortcomings of our own political organization enforce recognition when we are brought face to face with the administrative and legislative difficulties which confront us in any attempt to accede to a demand for more democratic control of government. The inflexibility of the Constitution, the possibility of an amendment's being passed which may not reflect the wishes of the electorate, the overlapping of the administrative functioning organs of government, the duplication of organization because of our multiple system, and our unscientific method of budget-making are but a few of the questions which Professor Willoughby presents. In addition, an excellent index refers to every detail of political organization discussed in the text. In short, *The Government of Modern States* is both an enticing introduction to the study of political science, and a quick reference work for those whose understanding of political principles has become a little hazy.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MODERN STATES. By W. F. Willoughby. 455 pages. Century.

Many students of political science have been turned from a thorough inquiry into this important department of education by the intricacies of supposedly elementary textbooks. To meet the lack of adequate yet simple introductory books, Professor W. F. Willoughby has written a clear exposition of the government of modern states. In method, the author has departed from the usual custom of weaving a description of political principles with pages of explanatory matter, citations of cases, and other details which the student of "Gov. 1," looks upon with awe and resignation. He has limited himself to a study of principles, and has pointed out with admirable clarity the many nice distinctions in government political organization which account for