

TWO CHAMPIONS OF EFFICIENCY

In his *Fundamental Sources of Efficiency*, Fletcher Durell, Ph. D., attempts to reduce fitness to its first principles, but the philosophy he formulates applies to wider fields than mere industrial proficiency. The book is intended as a supplementary text for vocational and cultural courses, and will have little interest for the general reader. *Keeping Fit*, by Orison Swett Marden, applies the doctrine of physical efficiency to the individual in fifteen chapters of commonplace dietary counsel.

Lippincott's. \$2.50.

THE PESSIMIST ABROAD

Insurgence characterized chiefly by blindness of thought and chaos of expression, under which, however, there is still a modicum of truth, makes John Curtis Underwood's *Literature and Insurgency* but a slight contribution toward bridging the void in American literary criticism. Except for the brief and brilliant flames of Frank Norris and David Graham Phillips, his impatient spirit finds little relief from the dreary wastes of American life and letters.

Kennerley. \$2.

THE UNCONQUERABLE HUMAN SPIRIT

A message of inspiration is *A Beacon for the Blind*, by Winifred Holt, the well-written and fascinating biography of Henry Fawcett, Professor of Political Economy and Postmaster General of England. Tho blind at twenty-four, he lived a joyous and strenuous life with which he would not allow his infirmity to interfere. Befriender of the

poor in England and of the ryot in India, Fawcett, like Lincoln, was the man whom the common people loved.

Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50.

A REPLY TO SOCIALISM

Your Own Pay Envelope, by John R. Meader, is a series of letters addressed to John Smith, Workingham. While exposing minor Marxian fallacies, it is not itself entirely free from sophistry and argumentative pettiness. Its homely examples and lack of rancor, however, give a certain value to its consideration of socialism's more simple problems.

Devin-Adair. \$1.

THE HUMAN SIDE OF A STATESMAN

A study of a statesman's personality is *The Life of Thomas B. Reed*, by Samuel W. McCall. The biographer has not escaped entirely a natural extollation of a man who was his friend; it is fortunate, however, that so much intimate detail of the human side of the famous Speaker has been put into a book. To one who knows little of his reflective nature or fine literary sense the work will be of more than usual biographical interest.

Houghton Mifflin. \$3.

THE EVOLUTION OF SIN

In *Christianity and Sin*, Robert Mackintosh has outlined the difficult and much debated doctrine of sin historically as it emerges in the Biblical literature and later Christian thought. The modifications made by the theory of evolution are emphasized. The author then makes a constructive study of the more important aspects and elements of the doctrine. The volume is well worked out and suggestive.

Scribner's. 75 cents.

INVOICING UNCLE SAM

Capsule essays, that have already delighted some five million newspaper readers, go to make up George Fitch's trenchant *Sizing Up Uncle Sam*. Their ingredients are bits of political history, national biography, economics, fads, drawbacks and bragging points, put together with dry humor and a deft pen.

Stokes. \$1.

THE SEARCHING QUESTION OF THE TIMES

According to Professor Walter Rauschenbusch, Christianity demands that love be made supreme among social forces and that the life of humanity be "organized on the basis of solidarity and love." His striking booklet *Dare We Be Christians?* is a stirring call to the followers of Jesus everywhere to substitute freedom and fraternity for coercion and class strife in social movements.

Pilgrim Press. 35 cents.

THE QUEST FOR GOLD

The Treasure Finders, by Oliver Clay, is a well-written supplementary historical reader, containing accounts of the principal voyages of discovery and exploration. There are ten chapters, including an account of the searovers of the Far North like Lief Ericson. The environment in each chapter is excellently maintained. The style is direct.

Duffield. \$1.25.