

Too much importance cannot be attached to the maintenance of archives. Certainly, one of the important offices of government is to look after its records. By considering the character of a few of the government's papers, it is easy to imagine what might result from their destruction. Both from an administrative and a historical point of view, the loss would be very great. Government papers include records of Land Patents, Geological surveys, Indian treaty provisions, etc. Assuredly there is need of well-equipped well looked after archives buildings. The author deplores the condition of archives in the United States.

Two Moulders of British Policy—W. T. Stead.

Two of the most conspicuous personages in public life to-day are Rt. Hon. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for foreign affairs. The former seems to be pursuing a policy which aims at the betterment of the condition of the masses. Mention is made at length of Lloyd George's attitude in regard to the Insurance Bill. Grey is a quiet man, extremely so. Though cold and aloof, he is a true friend, loyal and true-hearted. He is more anxious to do than to make show in the doing of things. Above all, he wishes to go his own way, and to be allowed the use of his own methods. In his oratorical role in Parliament, Grey lacks magnetism and fire, but he is irresistible. Like Macaulay, he is listened to by crowded Houses. Like all other great men, Grey has his peculiarities, and should be the more respected for them.

The Forum contains many excellent short articles, including "Pathology on Women's Work," by Anna Spencer, and "Stubborn Farmers," by P. McArthur.

VOCATION.

Every man has his own vocation. There is one direction in which all space is open to him. He has faculties silently inviting him thither to endless exertion. He is like a ship in a river; he runs against obstructions on every side but one; on that side all obstruction is taken away, and he sweeps serenely over a deepening channel into an infinite sea.

—Emerson.