

The book, in many respects, is fitted to serve as a tonic. Three results of the disruption, dwelt on in the concluding chapter, are worthy of note : (1) It led to a revival of belief in the commanding power of spiritual things. (2) It struck a new note in Christian liberality. (3) By it the doctrine of the spirituality of the church and of its essential independence has been proclaimed with an emphasis which has affected the attitude of more states and churches than our own.

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*The American Journal of Sociology* may justly be regarded the foremost journal in English devoted to this subject. The last bi-monthly issue (March) is one of unusual interest because of its decidedly practical character.

"Social Control" is treated by E. A. Ross, who has shown that modern society needs not so much spontaneous altruism as social organization and social control. Sociology properly includes everything that shapes men in the interest of the group called society. Under the heading, "A Belated Industry," Miss Jane Adams deals in an able manner with the question of domestic service and the household employé. Franklin Macveagh furnishes "A Programme of Municipal Reform" that goes deeper and deals more radically with the question than most proposed. He makes a vigorous plea of civic education. The article on "Scholarship and Social Agitation," by the editor-in-chief, Prof. Albion W. Small, presents a strongly reasoned argument for the practical application of scholarship to the solution of social problems, and the identification of scholarly men with the cause of social amelioration.

"The Rise of the German Inner Mission," as here described by Prof. C. R. Henderson, cannot fail to awaken a deeper interest amongst thinking people in this important work. George McDermot's "Note on Social Evolution" is valuable as showing that society has been the preserver of man in the enjoyment of his higher nature, and not the creator of that higher nature. Prof. Shailer Matthews here gives the fifth section of his "Christian Sociology," which deals with "The State." It is to be hoped that he will put these articles in a more permanent form before long. Dr. Lester F. Ward writes accurately on "Sociology and Psychology."

The department of book reviews is well sustained, and the department of "Workers and Thinkers" presents in a brief, condensed form a large amount of exceedingly valuable information regarding matters of current interest in the social and industrial world. Clergymen will find this journal one of the most valuable aids to the study of the problems of to-day.