

of his commanding officer, with the chance if the report is unfavorable of disproving or amending it.

But why should I go further into particulars, when it is apparent that the chief objection to H. McD. W. is on more general ground, that he is crying very loudly before he is hurt. The Act will now soon be in force, and in a few months' time we will have definite data to go upon. At present all statements of fears are in the air. They may not be true after all. Let us at the present of all times deal with the questions that are present: the reorganization question, which is big enough for every ounce of our energy. Criticism of an out-of-focus, indeterminate sort will do no good, and by drawing a herring across the trail or creating a general desire to hunt for bugaboos may do much harm. The advocacy by THE CIVILIAN of an inspection system is to my mind opportune in that it pro-

poses a definite remedy for possible failure of the report system. Such a suggestion offers a most tangible thought for the service to carry in the back of its head for use in case of emergencies. Likewise I was glad to see appreciation in your editorial of the fact that the lack of an appeal to the C. S. Commission is the really vital defect in the report system and the kindred recommendations of the Act. My view, however, in the meantime is that we should enter upon the new regime with a proper sense of proportion, with a mind to giving it, in spite of all our reasonable doubts and fears, a fair trial, and to seizing upon the good instead of emphasizing the dubious features. Time enough for the latter some months hence when we will know what we are talking about.

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