

## Book Reviews

By H. S. ROSS.

**THE GREAT ISSUE**—Disclosed by the Leaders and the Plain People in Europe and America; published by Marshall. Jones Co., Boston, Mass., price \$1.00.

In small space, but with great vigor, clearness, and completeness, the author traces the development of the Wilson policies and the domestic opposition to them. "The Great Issue" in the hearts of men requires of us a clearer vision than can be had through clouds of partizanship or the desire for vengeance.

**INDUSTRY AND HUMANITY**, by Hon. W. Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., Ph.D. (Harvard); published by Thomas Allen, of Toronto, and Houghton, Mifflin Company, of Boston and New York. \$3.00 net.

The author, a former Canadian Minister of Labor, gives us a study of principles underlying industrial reconstruction. He has been a conciliator in many important industrial strikes, and investigator of industrial relations for the Rockefeller Foundation. Whether or not one agrees with his conclusions his book will be of great value not only to employers, legislators, educators, social workers and labor leaders, but to all who are concerned with the changing relations of those who labor with hand or brain.

The author gives as one of the aims of the book "to show that the war, in the last analysis, is but

the expression upon a world scale of conflicting forces also at work in the relations of industry."

He believe "that the absolute claims of personality the preservation and development of spiritual freedom, are the criterion by which we are to judge industrial relations. This is a forward step and in this Mr. King agrees with the progressive thought of to-day. He pleads for good-will and right purposes, but fails to discuss methods which would make it possible to attain them. This is regrettable particularly when we recall his wide experience as a legislator.

He discusses at length the necessity for a bill of rights for labor, but does not put before us legislative or administrative methods.

He approves of the Whitley Reports as being "the surest method of approach to the solution of the problems of industry which wide knowledge of actual conditions . . . has thus far evolved."

He seems to take it for granted that we will find it necessary to continue our present private ownership of natural resources, and to overlook the fact that the big question now seems to be what sort of industrial democracy can we have while the bounties of nature and means of exchange are in the control of a very small group.

He agrees that the control of industry "is on all fours with the exercise of political control." If this is so it surely should be evident that the private investor's power to decide where and when labor is to be employed gives us an undemocratic human relationship. He does not tell us what are the things which labor and capital have in common and in what respect their interests are opposed.

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