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earlier sections. A useful bibliography is given, extending to nine pages.

Unquestionably Herr Willgren has provided information which should prove of great value to the Committee in its task of planning a reform in the methods of taxation in Finland, as it would indeed in any country.

A. W. FLUX

Saggi economici e finanziari sull' Inghilterra. By RICCARDO DALLA VOLTA. (Milan : Remo Sandron. 1912. Pp. 434.)

THIS is a series of articles on recent phases in English politics, reprinted from various Italian reviews of the last fifteen years. There are several papers on the prospects of free trade, which the author hopes that, both for our own sake and that of our neighbours, we shall not be tempted to abandon; on our financial problems, and on our methods of emigration. He admires the Government's attitude to the last, and threads his way with much success through the labyrinth of our voluntary emigration societies. He has three articles on the labour movement and Socialism in England, and (in 1897) specially praised the practical aims and freedom from political theorising of our Trade Unions. He describes the working of the Land Acts in Ireland, whose problems he thinks only in part comparable to those of southern Italy. The aim of the series is to explain to Italian readers recent changes in English political conditions, rather than to criticise or to forecast. It can hardly, therefore, be of striking interest in this country. But the articles are accurate and judicious, and give a very friendly review of English affairs.

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Le forme del progresso economico in Capitanata. By ANGELO FRACCACRETA. (Naples : Luigi Pierra. 1912. Pp. 173.)

SIGNOR FRACCACRETA has written an interesting study of economic change in a district apparently remote from industrial problems. The Capitanata has been, during the last half-century, in process of transformation from open pastureland to cornfields, and from cornfields to the more or less intensive cultivation of vineyards. After much tribulation, its prospects seem hopeful; the tide of emigration has turned; production has increased, and the labouring classes get more of the product. Peasant proprietors are springing up, and the country needs, according to the author, to make much use of co-operation for such purposes as the purchase of agricultural machinery and the spread of agricultural banks, of