We imagine there is nothing really new in the "socialization of studies," the "socialization of teaching methods" and other chapters of this character. Great educators have always assumed a social as well as a psychological basis for their work. There may, however, be some value in each new effort to investigate scientifically the social facts upon which a sound educational system must rest.

Although the reviewer does not wish to express an opinion upon the author's scientific attainments, he does venture to criticize an apparent carelessness in workmanship. No one really acquainted with the literature of social surveys would refer to "Rockefeller's Foundation Survey of Pittsburgh," and no careful writer would make glaring mistakes not only in the names of well known educators and sociologists, but of such a notorious person as Abe Ruef.

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TECHNIQUE OF SOCIAL SURVEYS. By Manuel C. Elmer. Lawrence, Kansas: The World Company. 1917.

The past decade has seen a large development of social and civic surveys, and has demonstrated fully that programs of social and civic betterment can be formulated to best advantage upon the basis of a scientific and comprehensive preliminary investigation of existing conditions. During this period there has been a corresponding increase in the amount of literature devoted to the technical side of survey making; nevertheless, this little volume given over to the technique of social and civic surveys fills an important place. In a brief but complete way, Dr. Elmer explains the relation of the social survey to the community; what things should be considered in making a study of any special problem; how the information desired can be secured; and how the data and information gathered can be put to most effective use. The book's chapters are lucid expositions of the survey idea and plan; outlines of a comprehensive survey; machinery of a survey; general and specific sources of information in making a survey; the method of inter-

preting survey data and securing publicity; and the making of a community program. The work is the result of the author's experience in conducting surveys and supervising the work of civic organizations, clubs, religious bodies, and college life, and, if taken only with respect to its suggestive outlines and lists of investigation questions, constitutes an exceedingly valuable handbook for reference in studying social and civic conditions.

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CANADIAN MUNICIPAL MANUAL. By John Redmond Meredith, K.C. and William Bruce Wilkinson. Edited by Sir William Ralph Meredith, K.T., Chief Justice of Ontario. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Ltd. Philadelphia: Cromarty Law Book Company. Pp. 1040. \$20.

This comprehensive and authoritative manual (the successor of Mr. Biggar's *Municipal Manual* of sixteen years ago) contains the text and judicial interpretation (Canadian and English) of the following acts: The municipal, local improvement, municipal arbitrations, arbitration, municipal franchises, public utilities, municipal electric contracts, patriotic grants, the bureau of municipal affairs, planning and developments act. A comprehensive table of cases, an index of subjects and a series of forms which have been approved by the Ontario railway and municipal board add to the value of this volume, which is Canadian in the broadest and best sense. Designed for the use of municipal authorities as well as lawyers, the style is simple and free from unnecessary technical terms and phraseology. Issued at a time when Canadian cities, towns and municipalities are seeking ways and means "to extend their control over the necessities of life, the social conditions of the wage-earning class and the many vital public service questions on which urban communities are dependent," the volume has additional value not only to Canadian authorities, but to those on this side of the line as well. Among the newer subjects with which the cities have to deal and which are adequately dis-