

by sympathy and understanding. But if this kind of aid, intangible, indeed, but spiritual and immensely powerful, is to be rendered intelligently we must above all things try to know the real character of these peoples and the problems with which they are called to deal. For whatever form the League of Nations or our effort to help may take in years to come, it will all stand or fall, not through formal merits or weaknesses, but through the degree to which it succeeds in "organizing the friendship of the world". It is this phase of reconstruction that the author has in mind in these thoughtful and lucid pages.

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Democracy in Reconstruction. By Joseph Schafer and Frederick Cleveland. Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston, New York, Chicago, 1919. 506 pp. \$1.50 net.

Another reconstruction book—and one that has been prepared by experts and pronounced by experts unbiased and authoritative. It deals with such fundamental questions as Ideals of Democracy and Institutions of Democracy, but also with such crucial, practical problems as After-War Social Problems, After-War Labor Problems, as well as with Transportation and Political Problems. Professor Schafer, one of the editors, is Professor of History in the University of Oregon and Vice-Chairman of the National Board for Historical Service. He contributes a most valuable opening chapter on "The Historical Background of Reconstruction in America". The book is rendered all the more valuable and readable because of a very complete Index and Bibliography.

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Problems of Reconstruction. By Isaac Lippencott, Ph.D., Chair of Economics, Washington University. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1919.

The author specializes on economic results of the war and the need of reconstruction in foreign lands and in America, and gives a well wrought-out "Reconstruction Plan for the United States". It is a book for publicists and students of economics, but is not without interest and suggestion for the preacher who is concerned with social problems.

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