

that, not by the statesman, or student of government only, but by every citizen, who would contribute to the progress of the nation and the betterment of the civic life. It is to the study of the evolution of the party system and its actual workings, that this book is devoted. Many a minister will find data here well worth his study and use. GEO. B. EAGER.

The Sea Kings of Crete. By Rev. James Balkie, F.R.A.S. With 32 full-page illustrations from photographs. New York, Macmillan Company; London, Adam and Charles Bloch. Pages 274. \$2.00 net.

Twenty years ago this book would have been an impossibility. We were still under the pall of the Homeric "legends". True, Schliemann had startled the world by his discoveries at Troy. But there were skeptics in abundance. Now Mycenæ has come to be a name that marks a great and splendid civilization covering a millennium or two before the "historic" Greece that we know. Schliemann has vindicated Homer. Then Evans began his work at Knorros in Crete. To-day a whole new world parallel, perhaps antecedent to, Mycenæ stands revealed. Minos is no longer myth. The Labyrinth is known, the wonderful Palace at Knorros. Pictures of ladies dressed in the latest Parisian styles have been found three thousand years old. Curious linear writing on clay tablets may be the precursor of the Greek tongue. For hundreds of years there was a great Cretan Empire of the Sea on a par with the power of Egypt and Babylon. It came to a sudden end, perhaps by conquest. But the veil has been partially lifted from one of the darkest periods of human history. It is all graphically told and beautifully illustrated in this volume.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The New Nationalism. By Theodore Roosevelt, with an introduction by Ernest Hamlin Abbott. New York, 1910. The Outlook Company. xxi+268 pages. \$1.50 net.

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paing of that season was further executed through the columns of *The Outlook*. He has at no time spoken more nobly and more comprehensively of the national virtues and ideals that are to be cherished and achieved by the citizenship of America. The immediate influence of his campaign for ideals was limited by the direct bearing it had on an impending election and by the insistent questioning of his motives. But he spoke words of permanent value which are here presented under the headings "The New Nationalism," "The Old Moralities," "The Word and the Deed," "The New Nationalism and the Old Moralities." Mr. Abbott is an enthusiastic Boswell to Mr. Roosevelt. Dr. Lyman Abbott contributes in a closing chapter an "Historical Summary" of the principle of Federalism which may be said to be the formative principle in the "New Nationalism." There are many still who draw back from Mr. Roosevelt's intense Federalism but not many who dare openly repudiate the ethical demands he makes upon our nationalism.

The doctrines herein set forth with the well-known vigor and often with the characteristic vehemence of the ex-President's intense personality are to play an increasingly great part in our national development.

W. O. CARVER.

Impressions of Mexico with Brush and Pen. By Mary Barton. With twenty illustrations in color. New York, 1911. The Macmillan Company. xi+164 pages. \$3.00 net.

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