

No matter what Mr. Wells writes about he is worth reading, and he writes about very many things. Little lies beyond his range and nothing beyond his undertaking. This book is a collection of essays about which the reader quickly comes to agree with the author when he says it contains "a fairly complete view of all my opinions," whether or not the reader also agrees that they have been "edited and drawn together into an effective whole." There is not much unity surely, but that matters little. Here are "opinions" about war and especially prospective (from the standpoint of the writing) British war that it is interesting to compare with current events. Thus far Mr. Wells is not largely justified as military and naval critic, but the end is not yet. Here we have discussion of socialism and citizenship in various aspects, marriage and divorce, civilization, imperialism, flying machines. The whole range of general interests is covered with the charming style and provoking ideas of one of the foremost essayists of this generation. For one who wants to study Mr. Wells and to dip with Mr. Wells into the varied interests of the day this is by all means the book to read.

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The Great Society: A Psychological Analysis. By Graham Wallas, Author of "Human Nature in Politics," etc. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1914. 369 pp. \$2.00 net.

The Key to Mr. Wallas' discussion is in the following statement, found in the remarks introductory to Part II, of his book. "So far I have been examining facts of human psychology with the purpose of discovering how they can be adapted to the needs of the Great Society. Now I shall examine existing forms of organization in the Great Society with the purpose of discovering how far they can be improved by a closer adaptation to the facts of human psychology." By the phrase, "the Great Society," he means the vast population now linked together in the complex industrial and political organization of the modern state. Comparatively few people realize the vast enlargement of the scale of society, both as to the number of people brought into relations with one another and as to the complexity of

their relations. Out of this enlargement have grown many of our gravest problems. With these problems in their psychological aspects Mr. Wallas here deals; and his discussion is always interesting and nearly always illuminating.

In his *Psychology* he follows McDougall, for the most part, in his doctrine of the instincts and psycho-physical "dispositions." The point of the discussion is that human instincts and "dispositions" were organized under very different and very much simpler conditions of life than those under which civilized men now live. These instincts and dispositions are constitutional and hereditary; and in the midst of the changed conditions of life brought about by the vast extension of an artificial civilization they do not readily find their normal satisfaction. There is a serious lack of adaptation. Out of this situation grows much of the restlessness and vague discontent of modern life. Return to primitive conditions is impossible; and hence the necessity of a very extensive readjustment of the machinery of modern civilization.

The book, while it by no means exhausts this interesting and fruitful theme, is worthy of serious study by those who desire to get a comprehensive understanding of our present-day life. In some respects the author's positions are not, I think, tenable; but even those who disagree with him in some particulars will find the volume as a whole very helpful. I found especially interesting the chapters on "The Organization of Thought" and "The Organization of Happiness." Mr. Wallas, it seems, has had considerable political experience, and devotes considerable space to the consideration of the efficiency of the political machinery of modern States, especially of England and America.

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Feeble-Mindedness: Its Causes and Consequences. By Henry Herbert Goddard, Ph.D., Director of the Research Laboratory of the Training School, at Vineland, New Jersey, for Feeble-Minded Girls and Boys. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1914. 599 pp. \$4.00 net.

Dr. Goddard has given us a great array of carefully examined facts; and he does not leave us without suggestions as to the