

Out of the ten chapters of which it consists, only two and part of a third received the author's definite revision for the press. The *Essays*, on the other hand, represent Mr. Fiske's work at its best, and are, as usual, singularly clear in exposition, and both sober and broadminded in their judgments. The essays on Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, and Jackson were intended to be embodied in a *History of the American People*, and form a sort of sequel to the volume on *The Critical Period of American History* in which the formation and adoption of the constitution are related. They are excellent, and an English reader can find no better introduction to the period with which they deal and the statesmen whose characters they portray. The second volume of the *Essays* illustrates the scientific side of Mr. Fiske's intellectual activity, and contains estimates of Tyndall and Huxley, with some personal reminiscences of both. There is also a lecture on 'Old and New Ways of Treating History,' which is of considerable interest. It ends with an exhortation to profit by the old masters of historical writing, and the author's own works show that he practised what he preached. In the arrangement of his material and the lucidity of his style Mr. Fiske set an example to younger historians.

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Dr. L. Contzen's sketch of *Goa im Wandel der Jahrhunderte* (Berlin: Schwetschke, 1902) was delivered originally as an address at a meeting of a 'Kolonialverein' in Bonn, and has since been somewhat enlarged. It deals superficially with the rise and fall of the Portuguese power in the East, and is designed for an audience quite unacquainted with the history of India. It has a good list of the authorities for the subject, particularly the Portuguese, with which the author is evidently familiar; but otherwise it contains nothing that has not been said elsewhere.

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*The Statesman's Year-Book* steadily grows in size and in value. The volume for 1903, edited, as for many years past, by Mr. J. Scott Keltie, with the assistance of Mr. I. P. A. Renwick (London: Macmillan), is the fortieth of its series; as compared with the thirtieth issue it represents an increase of 224 pages; and it has now reached a total of 1,412 pages, beyond which it cannot, one would suppose, be conveniently extended. We notice with special satisfaction the care with which the lists of books of reference under the different sections have been weeded out and enlarged. A good many books, no doubt, are still left which would have been better omitted, and some inferior recent books have been inserted; but, as a whole, for practical use, these lists have great merit. Unfortunately the limits of this Review forbid our calling attention to the mass of invaluable statistics which fill the volume. They are arranged with that perspicuity and revised with that care with which we have long been familiar, and will serve as materials for future historians. By an accident the estimated population of Liverpool is assigned to Lincoln (p. 18), and the religious statistics of Prussia in 1900 are given also as those for 1895.

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