

It would not surprise us if the collators of the series had anticipated the critics by saying more than once to themselves and others, "After all these volumes are only a liberally annotated list of topics." We once heard the curator of a museum quote with approval a formula current in his craft, to the effect that "a museum is a collection of scientifically composed labels, accompanied by appropriate specimens." Perhaps a layman may be permitted to express his opinion that in this series we have a museum of well-chosen socio-legal categories.

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*The World-War and Leadership in a Democracy.* By RICHARD T. EARLY. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1918. \$1.50.

This unpretentious and interesting little book tells of the author's personal experiences in Germany as they bear on the national characteristics that resulted in the war. At the time the work was written "Prussian efficiency" had not yet proved disastrous and there is an underlying admiration for German leadership and methods of rewarding outstanding ability. The author urges the adoption of similar methods in America, especially since we have developed out of the eighteenth-century conception of equality and equal rights into a realization of difference in inherent capacities and a desire for equality of opportunity. Primary elections and the recall are condemned as producing the wrong type of leadership and an interesting argument is presented that kings be required to marry their own subjects. One finishes the book wishing the author had gone into the question of difference between leadership in an autocracy and in a democracy. America needs to develop leadership, as the author contends, but that leadership will be sound and enduring not merely as it is developed by formal and more or less artificial rewards offered by the state. Rather will it develop as it is appreciated by the whole mass of those who are led and is controlled and rewarded by powerful and lasting social approvals in the form either of honor or of economic benefit.

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