

goes down to defeat along with a schism-ridden, class-burdened nation.

At later periods, the established church of the Medieval Age, as well as the Protestant Church which grew out of it, have each in turn rejected the social problem, and sought to build an organization which would occupy an impregnable position in the social structure, and at the same time not antagonize other and equally powerful authorities in society. That each church has failed of its highest mission because of this self-seeking policy, does not appear to cause any diminution of faith on the part of the author. He foresees the establishment of the rejuvenated church which shall accept the social problem, though not in any set form, and so bring social as well as spiritual salvation to mankind.

JOSEPH DANZIGER.



### A PLEA FOR HUERTA.

**The Case of Mexico and the Policy of President Wilson.** By Senator R. De Zayas Enriquez. Published by Albert and Charles Boni, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York. 1914. Price, \$1.35 net.

The predominating thought upon closing the book is the regret that 209 pages of good paper should have been devoted to such a purpose; but the regret is tempered with thankfulness that the number of pages is no greater. The book is simply a plea for General Huerta, and the class whom he represents. The author betrays not the slightest trace of consciousness that there is an economic basis for the political upheaval. To him the land question is non-existent. If he understands the Mexican situation no better than he comprehends President Wilson's policy—and the work indicates that he does not—one may doubt the claim of the publishers that this book "is a work absolutely necessary to a clear understanding of the Mexican problem." If Senator Enriquez is a fair representative of his class it is to be feared there will be a good deal more fighting before there is peace.

S. C.



### THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

**The Monroe Doctrine and Mommsen's Law.** By Charles Francis Adams. Published by Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston. 1914. Price, 50 cents, net.

The Monroe Doctrine was formulated by John Quincy Adams who was President Monroe's Secretary of State at the time of his famous message of 1823. This fact, with its supporting coincidence, is brought out early in the brief address of Charles Francis Adams made before the American Society of International Law at Washington last April and just now published. The speaker proceeds from this fact of its origin to an interpretation of the Doctrine's purpose and meaning in the light

of its real author's diplomatic experience and political knowledge of the Europe at which it was "somewhat defiantly" aimed.

How the Americas and Europe have since wholly changed is told in a few masterly pages, and insofar as the Doctrine refers to colonization the speaker concludes: "The Monroe Doctrine as enunciated is now obsolete. It has no apparent application to existing conditions and theories. Moreover, it is to be remembered that it is a 'Doctrine,' and in no respect a natural law; and if, I next submit, there is one thing politically more dangerous than another, it is a 'Doctrine,' so-called, misapplied, or one which, having lost its original significance, is now applied in an unintelligent way, or a 'Jingo' spirit."

What other probabilities of future development and difficulty John Quincy Adams had in mind are discussed in connection with what the speaker names as he quotes it, "Mommsen's Law"—the bare-faced prototype of "Manifest Destiny," "Benevolent Assimilation," and, its latest "alias," "Sphere of Influence." And the speaker closes his address with a plea for keen-eyed consideration of the Monroe Doctrine, its past usefulness and its present possible abuse.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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—Our Dishonest Constitution. By Allan L. Benson. Published by B. W. Huebsch, New York. 1914. Price, \$1.00 net.

—Socialism and Motherhood. By John Spargo. Published by B. W. Huebsch, New York. 1914. Price, 60 cents, net.

—The Man of To-Morrow. By Floyd B. Wilson. Published by R. F. Fenno & Co., 18 E. 17th St., New York. 1914. Price \$1.00.

—Was Marx Wrong? By I. M. Rublnow, 59 John St., New York. Issued by the Members of the Marx Institute of America. 1914.

—The Place of the Church in Evolution. By John Mason Tyler. Published by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. 1914. Price \$1.10 net.

—Letters of a Woman Homesteader. By Elinore Pruitt Stewart. Published by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. 1914. Price \$1.25 net.

—The Monroe Doctrine and Mommsen's Law. By Charles Francis Adams. Published by Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. 1914. Price 50 cents net.

—The Political and Sectional Influence of the Public Lands. 1828-1842. By Raynor G. Wellington. Printed at the Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. 1914. Price, \$1.00 net.

—The West in the Diplomacy of the American Revolution. By Paul Chrisler Phillips. University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Volume XI, Numbers 2 and 3. Published by the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. October, 1913. Price, \$1.25 net.