
BOOKS

RETROSPECT AND FORECAST.

The Man of Tomorrow. By Floyd B. Wilson. Published by R. F. Ferno & Co., 18 E. 17th St., New York. Price, \$1.00.

Mr. Wilson, in his latest volume, takes up the inspiring study of evolution viewed largely from the individual plane of thought, though with generous acknowledgment of authorities in the sciences and philosophies that have paved the way to his conclusions.

Though he has sent forth several books on kindred subjects, his conviction "that only a few have discovered the key to greatness and that it may be seized and used by the million is really the true incentive for the writing and publishing of this work."

Not to follow too closely the path of evolution from "The Dawn of Humanity" to the present unfoldment, the reader, aspiring to become "The Man of To-Morrow," will find in the three chapters, "Potentiality of the Will," "Methods of Educating the Will," and "Discipline of the Will," some very practical suggestions for the awakening and use of his own neglected faculties.

As a business man who had won his success through such methods, only to come to failure when he, in intellectual pride, departed from them, he was forced back to his own philosophy in "Paths to Power," which is one of his text books on self-mastery and self-unfoldment. And from his own experience (and observation as well) he draws this conclusion: "Correct auto-suggestion carries one over the success line, and the auto-suggestion of doubts and fears binds him to the line of failure and disaster. Life's failures and life's successes are due to the inevitable results which follow wrong and right thinking."

As to the nature of the success or failure—who, without limitless vision, may define it?

A. L. M.



HUMAN POETRY.

Poems of Human Progress. By James Harcourt West. Illustrated. Boston: The Tufts College Press. Price, \$1.50 net.

Scholarship with simple-heartedness, love of nature serving love of man—these are qualifications for a true democratic poet, and such is James H. West, as long-time readers of *The Public* well know. A vision for man, seen with nature-loving eyes, is embodied, for example, in these lines from "Courage, O Workers!"

Truth shall be gained, and mankind through the truth shall be victor.

Not for a few, but for all, are life's heights and life's splendors—

Summits of thought and of will! of the soul! of the spirit!

Hasten, O earth, to Equality, Brotherhood, Freedom!

Beautiful and expressive lines are to be found scattered everywhere through these pages. The falsely "great"—Alexander, Caesar, Frederick of Prussia—are impressively described as

A wan, deluded army, vulture-haunted.

Of his own, and truly every man's past, Mr. West vividly recalls:

—the goblins of the soul

Which hoary Credence fastened on my youth—

The Past's rude superstitions taking toll
Of ardent years which else had served the Truth.

"Ours, ours!—not mine or thine, but ours!" is a fragment that holds within itself all the essential spirit that is changing the economic aspect of the world.

Mr. West describes the "blest fields" of the Mississippi Valley in the coming time

Where bitterness of Dead Sea fruit shall cease
And life grow rich on mingled oil and wine.

And this advance is to "bring the Age of Man from Age of Stone."

When such ease and strength of diction are combined with such accuracy of observation, such love of mankind, and such a sense of future good, the result is a poet who is worth while.

ALICE THACHER POST.

BOOKS RECEIVED

—**The Great Society.** By Graham Wallas. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York, 1914. Price, \$2.00 net.

—**The Minnesota Legislature of 1913.** By C. J. Buell, published by the Author, 1540 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn., 1914. Price, paper, 50 cents; cloth, \$1.00.

—**Reconstruction in North Carolina.** By J. G. de Rouillac Hamilton. Columbia University Studies in History, Economics and Public Law, Whole Number 141. Longmans, Green & Co., Agents, New York. 1914. Price, paper, \$4.00; cloth, \$4.50 net.

—**Fabian Essays in Socialism.** By Bernard Shaw, Sir Sydney Olivier, William Clarke, Hubert Bland, Sidney Webb, Annie Besant and Graham Wallas. Reprinted with a new preface by the Editor, Bernard Shaw. Published by the Walter Scott Publishing Co., London and Felling-on-Tyne, 1911. Price, paper, 6 pence net.



Pamphlets Received.

Preliminary Report of the Efficiency and Economy Committee of the State of Illinois, Created by the Illinois General Assembly, 1913. Walter I. Manny, Chairman. John A. Fairlie, Urbana, Ill., Director.

Legislative Program of the Socialist Party: Record of the Work of the Socialist Representatives in the State Legislatures of the United States, 1899-1913: With Account of Efforts of the Party in Direct Legislation. By