

preciation of the nation's worth to Africa and the rest of the world, are both a revelation and an appeal to the true chivalry that is part of American democracy.

The only fault to be found with the book by most readers is that—in spite of its having been written by a traveler thither—it creates out of the unlonged-for unknown a new land desirable to see and impossible to visit.

A. L. G.

PAMPHLETS

In the Service of Peace.

The American School Peace League, organized in 1908, to promote "through the schools and the educational public of America the interests of international justice and fraternity," has published a little essay by its secretary, Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, 405 Marlborough St., Boston, on "The War: What Should be Said About It in the Schools?" Mrs. Andrews believes that those superintendents who, at the beginning of the school year and at the first ghastly tidings of the war, requested that it be not discussed in the school-room should now, "when the significance of this world object-lesson comes more and more into light," not lose this "supreme moment for teaching history and examining into the causes of the catastrophe, the meaning of militarism, and the principles that should govern the terms of peace.



The report for 1914 of the work of the World Peace Foundation (40 Mt. Vernon St., Boston)—whose creator and endower, Edwin Ginn, died a year ago—is an inspiring record of international labor for permanent peace. So inconspicuously and quietly does it co-operate with all the great agencies for peace that even the regular recipients of its scholarly and invaluable pamphlets, will be amazed at the scope of the Foundation's influence as shown in these reports of its chief workers. To take one of many instances: How many of David Starr Jordan's enthusiastic auditors know that for their much appreciated opportunity to hear him, they are partly indebted to the Foundation? That the Foundation is alive to the European war's greatest danger for the United States, Mr. Edwin D. Mead shows in closing his annual address as chief director: "The militarist's argument that great armaments are peace preservers, has absolutely broken down. These have proved, as we have so solemnly warned the nations, the great menace and not the true defense; and sobered men everywhere now see that the only possible solution is that which we have steadily urged. There are those who will not see it; and we deceive ourselves if we do not prepare for a stiff and long campaign against a powerful party which still strives to make the country draw the false lesson and push it, by demand for great armaments, into intensifying here the very evil which has wrought the ruin in Europe. . . . It would not be less than a crime against humanity if we, at such an hour, safest of nations and never so safe as in the long exhaustion of all the European nations which must follow the war, should be

betrayed into leading or supporting the forces of reaction, instead of leading bravely in the policy of progress."

A. L. G.

PERIODICALS

Toward Permanent Peace.

The Woman's Peace Party, headquarters of which are Hull House, Chicago, is prominent in The (New York) Independent of January 25. All women readers are urged to join, and the remarkable leaflet sent out by the party just after its organization on January 10 is printed in full. For the same Independent, one of the Peace Party's four vice-chairmen, Anna Carlin Spencer, writes a fine article entitled "Women and War," illustrated by portraits of Jane Addams, the Peace Party's Chairman, and a group of its other officers, including Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Thacher Post. "All enlightened and free women," writes Mrs. Spencer, "especially those of neutral countries, should make a protest, compelling in its solemn appeal, against war as the supreme outrage on the moral nature of humanity. On a sure sense of ethical values rests all the permanent progress of the race; war, and the things that make for war, give a dual and self-contradictory direction to the idealism of youth, and to the ethical judgment of maturity. . . . The dependence upon "the judgment of battle," among nations as among individuals, has long been the supreme atheism; it denies the sovereignty of truth and justice."*



There has been formed in Holland, as reported in the January Advocate of Peace (Boston), the Dutch Anti-War Council (Nederlandsche Anti-Oorlog Raad, 31 Theresiastraat, The Hague) composed of representatives of all organizations in Holland which are interested in a lasting peace at the end of this war. The Council states its objects in a manifesto to the Dutch people: "(1) A study of the causes which have led to the present war and which might lead to new wars in the future. (2) An examination of the means by which a conclusion of the present war might be promoted and a peace concluded which would not carry the seeds of new wars in it. (3) A study of the consequences of the present war on economic, moral, and intellectual aspects of life. (4) A consideration of the reforms which will have to be made in national and international relations so as to prevent wars in the future. (5) The formation of a strong national and international organization of all pacifists."

A. L. G.



A Triumph of Pacifism.

In "The last phase of the great war, the German invasion of America," Ray Stannard Baker, in a fanciful sketch in the American Magazine for January, gives a clever account of the practical workings of pacifism. After Germany had triumphed over the Allies she realized that her victory would not be complete until she had subdued the United States,

*See Public of January 29 at page 110.

and forthwith set about the task. The question of meeting this invasion at once aroused a keen contest between the militarists and the pacifists of America. The discussion was carried on with great heat in Congress, in the press, and throughout the country. But the tide turned finally in favor of the pacifists on account of a speech by a woman. "I was against war," she says, "on principle in time of peace. How much more am I against war now that it threatens us with the horrors that we so recently have beheld on the battle fields of Europe? I will say to the Germans that I do not hate them. I have no cause to hate them, and I refuse to kill them. I refuse to kill them, and then hide my stained hands in the folds of any flag." The triumph of the pacifists over the militarists led to the disarmament of the country in the face of the approaching invasion. This of course was misunderstood by the war-maddened Germans, who entered New York's undefended harbor with great caution, and landed their army on Long Island. The clever way in which Mr. Baker describes the change of sentiment in this country, the natural course of events, and the final outcome, is a most fascinating piece of literary work, and should be read by every one having at heart the progress of civilization.

S. C.

On Democracy.

Democracy is "a state of social consciousness," says Joseph Dana Miller in an essay on "The Difficulties of Democracy" in the January number of the International Journal of Ethics (Rumford Press, Concord, N. H.). No political expedients, in the author's opinion, will in themselves bring democracy. So long as the mass of mankind is to be swayed by the opportunity for bread that it wants and has not, so

long will democracy be only a name. Direct Legislation, for instance, will not insure democracy; for every man needs leisure to study legislative measures and candidates' characters, and wide-awake leisure is what very few men now have. Thus is political democracy dependent on economic democracy—the equality of opportunity.

A. L. G.

"Mamma, mayn't I go to the fancy dress ball as a milkmaid?"

"You're too small."

"Well, can't I be a condensed milkmaid?"—Beck's Weekly.

"Then you don't think I practice what I preach, eh?" queried the minister, in talking with one of the deacons at a meeting.

"No, sir, I don't" replied the deacon. "You've been preachin' on the subject of resignation for two years, an' ye haven't resigned yet."—Tit-Bits.

The following witticism is ascribed to the late Senator Hoar. The Senator once had a dear friend ill with appendicitis and was becoming uneasy, when a letter announced joyfully that the surgeons had

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