

mark: "The expansion and increasing complexity of municipal activities, the desire of women for more knowledge about their new responsibilities, the need for better living conditions, brought about by greater congestion, the necessity for conserving every ounce of man and woman power, the demand for greater efficiency and rock bottom economy in every line—all these conditions are making themselves felt with the public official. . . . The official's worth now is not measured by his good fellowship and vote getting capacity, but rather by his ability to produce results, . . . in the city hall every day."



THE STANDARD BEARERS. By Katherine Mayo. Publishers, Houghton, Mifflin Company. Price, \$1.50 net.

Miss Mayo in these "true stories of the heroes of law and order" contributes an admirable piece of propoganda which it is to be hoped will be used as a precedent in other fields of governmental endeavor. The policing of a state is a difficult problem. Pennsylvania has made a splendid contribution under the leadership of a man who proved himself to be a true public servant: Captain John C. Groome. He has known only one service—the public—and the state constabulary under his organization and guidance has been a model of effectiveness and of singular devotion to public duty. These stories are good as stories—but they are something more, far more; they show how a great work can be interpreted in terms that the great public can understand. In her previous work "Justice to All",¹ Miss Mayo did her work so well that it was used as a powerful argument in securing the passage of the New York state constabulary

law. The state police idea is spreading rapidly over the Union. Miss Mayo does not hesitate to ascribe the growth of the movement to the work of the Pennsylvania force.

These stories deal with actual work and accomplishment. Most of them were first published in the *Saturday Evening Post*.



BOOK NOTE

Two new volumes in the NATIONAL MUNICIPAL REVIEW series will be published this Autumn by D. Appleton Company. One, *A New Municipal Program*, edited by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, and the other on "Expert City Government," edited by Major E. A. Fitzpatrick. The first mentioned contains the text of the constitutional municipal home rule amendments and the Model City Charter adopted at the Dayton, Ohio, meeting of the National Municipal League, November, 1916; and a series of chapters dealing with and explaining various features of the amendment and the charter. A series of untoward events have happened to delay the publication of this volume, but it will have lost none of its value by reason of this delay, for the interest in charter reconstruction continues unabated. There has been no apparent cessation of effort in this field because of the war, and interest in the Model City Charter is as great as ever.

Major Fitzpatrick's book is another timely contribution, interest in effective government having been stimulated by the war. With the coming of peace there will unquestionably be a more widespread demand, not only for improved instruments of local government, but for better administration, and these two books will furnish constructive help along both lines.

II. BOOKS RECEIVED

"THE VALLEY OF DEMOCRACY." By Meredith Nicholson, N. Y. Charles Scribner's Sons. 284 pp. \$2.00 net.

AMERICAN CITIES. Their Methods of Business. By Arthur Benson Gilbert, M.A. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1918. Pp. 240. \$1.50.

¹ See NATIONAL MUNICIPAL REVIEW, volume 6, page 295.

AMERICANIZATION. By Royal Dixon. New York: The Macmillan Company. Pp. 196. 50 cents.

CIVIC BIOLOGY. By Clifton F. Hodge. Boston: Ginn & Company. Pp. 381. Illustrated. \$1.60.

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