

As Mr. Hillquit states it, there is practically no difference between his position and Dr. Ryan's; and if he had not at the beginning loaded himself with the responsibility of defending the Marxian position, he would have had no trouble.

As to "Socialism and Morality" Mr. Hillquit maintains the doctrine of relativity in morals and Dr. Ryan opposes; but on the whole the latter does not carry himself so well in this part of the discussion, for while he stands stoutly for the orthodox notion that there is an absolute standard of ethics, he fails to show that it has ever been embodied in any actual code, and is utterly unable to identify it with the ethical code of modern capitalistic society.

When the relation of socialism to religion is taken up, it is Dr. Ryan who labors under a serious handicap. As a Catholic he cannot clearly distinguish religion from Catholicism and cannot even make a brave pretence of defending the record of his Church against the charges which Mr. Hillquit presents. Here Dr. Ryan manifestly dodges. It is the only recourse open to him.

All in all the discussion is helpful and illuminating. It really adds nothing new. The ground has been worked over too often to afford an opportunity for much original thinking. But it brings the considerations for and against the Marxian Socialism into relation to one another within a short compass, and will help many to grasp the issues more clearly.

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Violence and the Labor Movement. By Robert Hunter; author of "Poverty," "Socialists at Work," etc. New York. The Macmillan Co., 1914. \$1.50 net.

Mr. Hunter is the ablest and best known of American Socialists. He manifestly wrote this volume for the purpose of enabling his readers clearly to distinguish Socialism from Anarchism and Syndicalism. The popular mind is very hazy as to the tenets and programmes of these three "isms."

Many people, indeed all people, who are interested in these questions—and who is not?—should read this book of Mr. Hun-

ter's. It is well written, clear and just, though of course the author does not disguise his advocacy of Socialism. After reading it one will understand the wide difference between these movements, whether he agrees with the author in his views of them or not; and it is exceedingly important that intelligent people, especially those who are active in the formation and direction of public opinion, should accurately understand these divergent movements. They cannot be ignored; we must assume some attitude toward them; the leaders of the people must guide public thought concerning them. One of the first duties of citizenship today is to *understand* them.

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The Social Creed of the Churches. By Harry F. Ward, Secretary Methodist Federation for Social Service, Associate Secretary Federal Council Commission on the Church and Social Service. New York: Eaton and Malns; Cincinnati: Jennings and Graham, 1914. 194 pp. 50 cents net.

This is a new book under an old title and not merely a revised edition. The former book was a compilation and was edited by Mr. Ward, who is the author of the present volume.

The book is a discussion of the social principles adopted by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, December 9, 1912. That is a right noble body of principles; and this is a right noble elaboration and justification of those principles. The understanding of these principles and the crystallization of the public conscience around them constitute one of the great duties of the churches, especially in all our industrial centers. I doubt whether so good an exposition of those principles in so brief a compass can be found as is contained in these pages. Following each chapter there is a series of questions which suggest lines of practical investigation in one's local community, and a list of good books which treat the specific theme of the chapter. These lists will serve as excellent guides for further reading.

I say emphatically—and not as a mere matter of form—that this little book ought to circulate by tens of thousands among the church members in this country.

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