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will appeal to so large a class of readers as this book. It is a neatly printed, substantially bound volume of 400 pages and includes the notes of his travels in Europe and America, his two famous lectures, "Value of an Ideal" and "A Conquering Nation," and many of his more important political addresses.

Deprecate as they may the political tendencies of the times, it is yet cause for congratulation on the part of the American people that the two greatest leaders in political thought, the two men who stand at the head of the two great political parties, are men of such high personal worth, such lofty ideals, such pronounced moral character as Theodore Roosevelt and William J. Bryan.

Independent of personal political conviction or partisan bias, every earnest citizen of the republic must find in this cause for personal rejoicing and congratulation. In conversation, not long since, Mr. Bryan remarked that among his lectures the one most popular with the American people was "The Value of an Ideal." And all who have heard or read this lecture will recall that throughout it appeals to the highest and most worthy motives. On the other hand, an essay on "Character" is recalled from the pen of Mr. Roosevelt in which the president insists that negative virtues or virtues of abstinence are not sufficient to a full rounded manly character. These are but a requisite half and must be supplemented by the positive affirmative qualities. It is not sufficient that men abstain from the bad, they must do the good.

These matters are cited in this connection for the purpose of emphasizing the fact that as long as the American people in the selection of their leaders choose men of such high personal character there is no need to despair of the ultimate success of this republic.

While, as Mr. Bryan says, the American people may prefer "The Value of an Ideal" to any of his other lectures, yet it is not always true that popularity is evidence of permanent worth. Indeed, it may be doubted if Mr. Bryan has ever made any contribution to the thought of the time which, judged by all standards of excellence, can stand a comparison with the lecture entitled "A Conquering Nation." This lecture, from every standpoint, whether of literary, moral or oratorical excellence, worthy political, social and individual ideals, or lofty patriotism, is

a masterly production.

Mr. Bryan has published larger and more pretentious books than "Under Other Flags," but it may well be doubted if any of these have deserved or received so wide a reading as will this. Save for the address on "Imperialism" and of the speech at the St. Louis democratic convention in 1904 the book is entirely free from discussion of partisan politics. It might, perhaps, for some reasons have been better had these been omitted altogether, but the remaining chapters are broad enough in their discussion of the principles which underlie the republic to disarm criticism that might arise by reason of these two addresses.

The notes of European travel are not lacking in interest for all readers, whether young or old. On the whole the work is a valuable contribution to the thought of the period and should be read by men in every walk in life.—Denver News.

His Second Think

Prof. Yamashita, who is negotiating with Secretary Morton for a place as instructor of jiu jitsu at Annapolis, is a mild eyed little man who apparently knows the jiu jitsu game backward, says the New York World. He was at the white house a few days ago talking to the president, who has had a few lessons in the art of how to break the neck of your opponent without ruffling your hair or soiling your collar. Secretary Morton was there, too. Morton is more than 6 feet tall, with shoulders a yard across. Prof. Yamashita picked Morton as a lay figure for some experiments. He toyed with the big secretary as if he had been a child.

Senator Lodge was there. He saw with amazement the way the little Japanese flung Morton around the room. After the exhibition was over he went to Morton and said: "Do you know, Morton, I was thinking of coming to your assistance."

"Indeed!" Morton replied, as he adjusted his disarranged clothing. "But as you are a conservative New England statesman it is evident you took another think."

The Boy and the Farm.

"Life on the farm is not drudgery unless it is made so. Any life must become one of drudgery unless care, skill and common sense is employed in the labor of living, and drudgery is that labor which is obnoxious to the individual; hence, to the lazy man all work is drudgery. The thought and interest we put into our work is what gives it dignity; all labor of whatsoever kind is dignified and honorable if honestly performed, and none more so than that performed on the farm.

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