

A MAKER OF STEAM PUMPS WRITES ON EDUCATION

"Shackled Youth," by Edward Yeomans, of Chicago, Is an Enlightened and Inspiring Book That Ought to Be Read by School Boards

THIS is a book after my own heart. Have you ever heard peculiar views for years and been looked at askance by your friends, smiled at indifferently, allowed for until you have become silent, not with the silence of acquiescence, but with the silence that comes from that terrible question, "What's the use of it?" Well, such is my case as to the schools as men have made them and as to the men who have made the schools.

It is the prevailing impression that New England was founded and developed by a group of men fleeing from religious persecution and that nobody else had anything to do with it. John Truslow Myers, who is not a New Englander, has in this new book, "Shackled Youth," (Atlantic Monthly Press) done his best to tell the true story of what happened. He has done it so well that no reader who starts this volume will lay it down willingly.

MR. YEOMANS, in discussing schools in general, declares that much of our human society "is still immersed in a material and a vulgar happiness." "What the proportion of discriminating and intelligent people is, who knows?" At the outset he recognizes two classes, "practical people whose mental structure is mechanical" and "exploiters of men since all eternity." "At the outset he recognizes two classes, 'practical people whose mental structure is mechanical' and 'exploiters of men since all eternity.'"

"Beauty" It is usually said to be the duty of a reviewer to strive to find out what an author attempted to do and then to tell the reader what he did. It is not so simple as it seems. The scientific reviewer would find it difficult to apply this rule to a consideration of Rupert Hughes' novel, "Beauty" (Harper & Bros.), for it is impossible to discover just what Mr. Hughes was trying to do. It may be argued that beauty is its own excuse for being, but this remark was not meant for the reviewer's benefit.

THIS is rank educational bolshevism! I hear the professor of class discipline exclaim to the superintendent of manual dexterity. "It is awful to think that there are such people outside of Russia, just as we had got everything into apple-pie order."

AMONG the many independent ideas which make up the all too brief pages of this book there seems to be none so suggestive as the chapter entitled "Fossil-Fertilization." Taking the ways of plant life in this regard, Mr. Yeomans asks why men may not profit by the example of nature.

VALIANT is Mr. Yeomans' attack upon the idea, only too prevalent, that "the way, the truth and the life" are along a road that leads to recognition. In our colloquial phrase, "Ambition is the vice of noble minds." And we lay a stronger emphasis on the nobility than on the vice. Here in America we are a nation of nobles.

"The Old Soak" Squamous and puritanical readers should avoid Don Marquis' "The Old Soak" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), as they would avoid a cocktail. They will find nothing but horror in it. Others whose sense of humor is developed enough to appreciate a light and un-moral discussion of the history of the saloon and of its place in the social life of the time when it flourished will find Mr. Marquis' book most enlightening.

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NOTABLE BOOKS OF THE WEEK

Correcting Popular Errors It is the prevailing impression that New England was founded and developed by a group of men fleeing from religious persecution and that nobody else had anything to do with it. John Truslow Myers, who is not a New Englander, has in this new book, "Shackled Youth," (Atlantic Monthly Press) done his best to tell the true story of what happened.

High-Handed Work E. Phillips Oppenheim has written better stories than "The Profiteers" (Little, Brown & Co.), but he has not written many with a more ingenious plot. It is the tale of how an American millionaire frustrated the plans of an English speculator to corner the wheat market.

"The Next War" Will Irwin has made an appeal to common sense in a book on "The Next War" (E. P. Dutton & Co.), it is an exhibition of how war costs in lives, followed by a plea for the formation of a society of nations with a body of laws. He says that the only reason we do not come until people living in the same community agreed on a code of laws for regulating the relation of men to one another, and that we have no such code, there is no enforceable international code regulating the affairs of nations, war, that is, the use of force to take what a nation wants, will continue.

New One by the Williamsons Despite the death of one of the collaborators of the financial firm of the Williamsons, several novels have appeared. These productive writers had some typical material to go along at the time of Mr. Williamson's demise recently, one of which Doran has just issued under the title of "Vision House." This is a typical Williamson novel in its active, developed plot, its speed of narration, its underlying romance and its constantly shifting locale.

A Century of P. M. C. Under the title "Pennsylvania Military College, 1821-1921," Henry John Buxton, a well-known newspaper man and formerly on the staff of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, has written an interesting narrative of the century of history of the celebrated institution, which by many authorities is rated a supplementary West Point. Founded by Colonel Theodore Hyatt, in Wilmington, its direction has always remained with his family, the present head being Colonel Charles E. Hyatt.

Modern Italy The reader of "New Italy" will feel that the title is well chosen, for as compared with the conditions a half-century ago it is a new Italy. The writers begin with a sketch of the political history of this period, emphasizing the progress made through the part now taken in the government by the people at large. The educational growth is shown by the fact that while fifty years ago the average illiterate was 69 per cent, in 1915 it was only 37.8 per cent of the population.

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NEW BOOKS Drama LILITH, By Franz Molnar. New York: Holt & Co. A striking play by the author of "The Day After Tomorrow." It is a stirring and stimulating introduction to the author's work. It is a play of the past, and now a successful playwright.

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THE PROFITEERS, By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. An absorbing novel of the North in which romance and tragedy follow. The passions of love, hate and revenge run through this thrilling story of a man who left his best friends to die in the trenches.

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By Frank L. Packard PAWNED On the hot, wave-lapped sands of the South Seas, through the softly lighted luxury of New York's most quietly conducted gambling halls, in the dark and winding streets of the lower East Side, John Bruce, who had pawned his soul for unlimited means, played out his game to the end.

"THE NEXT WAR" By WILL IRWIN are PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING: "There is ringing in my ears like an admonition eternal, an insistent call—it must not be again! It must not be again! God grant that it will not be and let us practical people join in cooperation with God to the end that it shall not be!"

THE PROFITEERS BY E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM Author of "The Great Impersonation" NO LIVING AUTHOR tells a story in more lively fashion than does E. Philip Oppenheim. How young Wingate, American wizard of finance, fought the profiteers who were trying to corner the world's wheat supply—this is his newest story, and the theme is of interest to every person in America.

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