

*Wall Shadows: A Study in American Prisons*, by Frank Tannenbaum (Putnam's, pp. xvii, 168), is a description of prison conditions and methods of administration based upon first-hand information obtained, largely as a result of a year's imprisonment for unlawful assembly and from a visit during 1920 to about seventy penal institutions throughout the country. The greater part of the book is taken up with the evils of our prison systems, but in the last chapter the author sets forth a constructive program for improvement.

*Some Problems of Reconstruction*, by Annie M. MacLean, is the title of the latest of the small volumes in the *National Social Science Series* published by A. C. McClurg and Company (pp. 150). Some of the problems touched upon are the maintenance of democracy, industrial unrest, the labor of women, the treatment of the negro, Americanization, housing, education and the dealing with radicalism.

A new book on *Socialism: An Analysis* has come from the hand of the well-known German philosopher Rudolph Eucken (Scribner's, pp. 188). A constructive statement of the Socialists' philosophy is followed by a searching examination of their ideals.

The Macmillan Company has published a small booklet entitled *Lincoln, the Greatest Man of the Nineteenth Century* (pp. 77) by Dean Charles Reynolds Brown of Yale University. Discussing first the difficult problems which Lincoln faced when he assumed office, the author enlarges upon what he regards as the chief elements in Lincoln's greatness.

Messrs. Houghton Mifflin Company have brought out a book entitled *American Portraits, 1875-1900*, by Gamaliel Bradford (pp. xii, 248), in which the author analyzes eight personalities of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. There is nothing particularly new or striking in the points of view presented, but students of history and politics will find something of interest in the sketches of James G. Blaine, Henry Adams and Grover Cleveland.

The latest of the *Smith College Studies in History* is Major Howell Tatum's *Journal while Acting Topographical Engineer (1814) to General Jackson*, edited by Professor J. S. Bassett (pp. 138). This journal

throws important light upon the battle of New Orleans and deserves to be ranked among the original narratives of that crucial campaign.

Houghton Mifflin Co. have published a book of stories concerning the work of the Pennsylvania state police by Katherine Mayo entitled *Mounted Justice* (pp. viii, 298).