to convey any clear meaning; while a little further on may be found the remarkable statement that "in 1877 a Turkish iron-clad moved at the terrible speed of thirty miles an hour." This is haste indeed!

If Mr. O'Reilly had cut out about 125 of his 350 pages, and had taken a little more pains with the remainder, the result would have been a very enjoyable book instead of an uneven and, on the whole, a disappointing one.

Our Republic: A Text-Book upon the Civil Government of the United States, with a Historic Introduction. By Prof. M. B. C. True and Hon. John W. Dickinson. Leach, Shewell & Sanborn. 1888. Pp. vii, 264.

The publishers' circular accompanying this book announces that it is "ample in its treatment, . . . scientific in its methods, . . . accurate in statement." The best commentary on their opinion may be found in a few extracts. A book on Civil Government can hardly be called "ample" which gives but two pages to a description of local and municipal government (pp. 43-45); and four more to the State governments (pp. 39-42). For grammarschool instruction, it is not "scientific" to introduce, without definition, such legal terms as "committee-delegates" (p. 20), "common law" (p. 33), "presentment" (p. 53), "sold upon execution" (p. 64), "conveyances" (p. 69), "Act of God" (p. 74). The degree of accuracy may be judged from the following statements: "Pennsylvania. This State was granted to William Penn in 1681" (p. 13); "The adoption of the Constitution [1787-88] changed the colonies into States" (p. 22); "The Convention adopted the Constitution, September 17, 1787, and its members from all the colonies, except those from Rhode Island, signed it" (p. 25); "The district attorney is the prosecuting officer of the county" (p. 43); "To have the privilege of suffrage, a person must be a citizen of the United States" (p. 45); "The district attorneys and other marshals" (p. 128); "There is little reason for any regulation of commerce between the States" (p. 105); "Inside its own territory the State authority is supreme" (p. 128). The book is full of similar inexcusable and misleading errors.

Society in Rome under the Casars. By William Ralph Inge, M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and Assistant Master at Eton. Charles Scribner's Sous. 1888. 12mo, pp. 276.

Mr. Inge's essay obtained the Hare prize at Cambridge in 1886. It consists of ten chapters,

headed "Religion," "Philosophy," "Morality," etc., and may be recommended as containing an accurate, well-digested account of the subject under consideration. All sources of information appear to have been diligently used. and the view of society is fair and truthful, equally removed from the undiscriminating denunciation indulged in by too many moderns, and the opposite fault, of extenuating the evils and immoralities of the times. It is rather a description than a picture—certainly a safer undertaking, and perhaps more generally useful; but we should say that the best treatment of such a subject, if it were a possible one, would be a graphic presentation, with abundance of illustrative incident, such as should give the treatise something of the characteristic of a good novel. Mr. Inge has had a different aim, and has succeeded where, if he had tried the other method, he might have failed.

A real defect is the failure to look below the surface. Society as it was in the first centuries is very truthfully delineated, so far as was possible with the materials at hand; the author laments that the accessible materials make it necessary to confine his view for the most part to the upper classes of society. But there is one kind of evidence of which he has not made the most-the drift and tendencies of society, which were, of course, concealed from contemporaries, but which we, looking back from a distance, can discern clearly. The second century shows vast changes in society, on the whole for the better; Mr. Pater has thoroughly entered into the spirit of this in his 'Marius the Epicurean.' Now, the fault we find with Mr. Inge is that he does not make us feel that society was in movement-it is described too much as a fixed condition of things to be analyzed and catalogued, and not enough as a current of human passions and forces, leading to a well-known and, on the whole, improved state of society.

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