of real value, and it is proper that they should assume the more permanent form of a book. That ecclesiastical architecture in America is on a lower plane than secular is a proposition not likely to meet denial, and any book which helps great numbers of people to see this and to wish for better things, is to be warmly welcomed. Mr. Cram's criticism is not merely destructive. He is not content with pointing out the defects of our average church and the tastelessness of its fittings. He tells us how things should be done. He gives us plans and pictures showing how they have been, and may again be, properly done.

He covers a wide field, starting with the village chapel and ending with the cathedral. On the first page he strikes the keynote of his treatise. "Let us remember this: when we build here in America we are building for now, we are manifesting the living Church." "It is the present that demands us-the immutable Church existing in times of the utmost mutability. We must express the Church that is one through all ages; but also we must express the endless changes of human life, the variation of environment. This is church architecture." He plunges at once into the question of how most wisely to spend the small sum usually at the command of a rural population, and shows so clearly what to avoid and what to strive for, that the wonder is that the right thing, seeming so simple, is not oftener done. The problem, as he puts it, is "to build a shelter for the altar and congregation, together with such adjuncts as are necessary, for the smallest cost consistent with honesty, durability, dignity, and reverence." Then follows the analysis of plan, its length and width, its way of seating the people, its provision for service; next, the materials and the ways of working them, and then the outcome of all this in the expression of the building. The summation comes at the end of the chapter: "Build in stone or brick; plan with rigid simplicity; design both exterior and interior with reserve, formality, and self-control; have the mass simple, the composition equally so; imitate no form or detail of larger structures, but work for the dignity and reverence that are theirs."

Mr. Cram's English is nothing if not vigorous, his opinions nothing if not positive. Could every member of every church-building committee be made to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this book, great would be the gain for decent, honest, straightforward architecture.

The Development of Cabinet Government in England. By Mary Taylor Blauvelt. Macmillan Co. 1902.

It is not an easy task to write of cabinet government, with Bagehot's brilliant essays illuminating the subject so clearly as they do. Yet it is one of the defects of such genius as his that it is dazzling; our eyes do not penetrate the nocks and corners left in shadow. This book is adapted to remedy these defects. It does not offer a philosophical explanation of the necessity of a cabinet, or of something homologous, in all governments; perhaps it would be more effective had more been attempted in that direction. What it does is to show how the cabinet came into existence, and how its powers came to in-

crease. To attain this result, the author appears to have carefully examined the records, of all descriptions, which throw light on the subject.

Few monarchs have had the ability to conceive and carry out a policy. Every human being, indeed, whether king or subject, must act through agents in any considerable enterprise. A strong king may rule his ministers; a weak one will be ruled by them. In England the Tudor sovereigns were capable enough to rule without depending on Parliament. The Stuarts were incapable rulers, and their ministers exasperated the country so that Parliament became powerful. The folly of James II, was so extreme as to destroy the monarchy and make Parliament supreme. When the Stuarts were driven out, loyalty went with them. Some figure-head was of course necessary; the name of monarchy had to be preserved. But it was ridiculous to expect loyalty to the first Georges. The Whig aristocracy had to maintain them. and did so by making Parliament the governing body. But loyalty is a sentiment, and is no more to be made to order than religious feeling, and it was a century before the Tories really accepted the Hanoverian line as ruling de jure.

Long before this century was completed. Parliament had grasped the reins of power too firmly to be disturbed. It had the whole of the reigns of George I. and George II. in which to develop its system of government. The great Whig houses chose the members of Parliament, and gradually those members turned the direction of affairs over to a committee. That committee, for deferential reasons, was represented as a council of the King, and George III. was able to control it at times. But neither he nor any later sovereign has been supported by the sentiment of loyalty to any such extent as to make it practicable to overthrow Parliament. The details of the process that we have outlined are well worked out in this book, which deserves to be classed among histories of substantial merit.

Essais sur le Mouvement Ouvrier en France. Par Daniel Halevy. Paris: Georges Bellais. 1901. Pp. 300.

But for the new edition of Mr. Rae's these essavs 'Contemporary Socialism' would have an almost unique value as a review of the recent progress of the labor movement in France. As it is, while Mr. Rae's chapters treat the subject in a more familiar way, M. Halévy's book is by far the most comprehensive discussion of it that has fallen under our eve, without being a plea for any party. One of the three essays is primarily historical, and traces the growth of French trades-unionism. The second deals with some social-economic aspects of the labor movement, such as cooperation and university extension; the third with the political activity of the unions. While M. Halévy is in sympathy with the general principles of French trades-unionism, he fully concedes the bad results of it. The unions have had a hard fight to gain their footing, and recognition of them has come later than in England; but they seem to be rather more disposed to abuse their new privileges than are the English unions. For one thing, strikes are multiplying with alarming

rapidity. Between 1870 and 1880, only 30,000 workmen were affected by strikes; but, from 1890 to 1895, 92,000 were out, and the total days of idleness were more than three times as numerous as from 1870 to 1880. From 1895-1899 a still further increase in time thus lost is observable, and statistics for 1900 show an aggregate of 216,530 strikers, with not less than 4,000,000 days of idleness. Strikes, too, are becoming more dangerous, since they are both more violent and more inclusive than they were formerly. From this state of things arises a desire to find a remedy for the strike. Some profess to find such a cure in conciliation and arbitration, and hence the discussion of certain plans patterned after the New Zealand system, none of which. however, have been seriously considered. On the whole, M. Halévy thinks tradesunionism, despite its bad features and its many sins, a needed support to workers whose welfare is endangered by the combinations of capital, and at the same time an aid to the state in its unequal contest against plutocracy.

Coöperation has made considerable progress, and the movement for popular education and improvement is still in the flush of first enthusiasm. French workmen are doing a good deal in the way of supporting one another, and are seeking greater adaptability to industrial change through scientific knowledge. The educational movement does not, however, neglect the humanities wholly; and though the English notion of culture is not readily grasped, a substitute for it is being developed even where it did not formerly exist at all. These hopeful symptoms of better social organization make it all the more unfortunate that unwise political action should have been attempted, and that the trades unions should have linked themselves with the Socialist cause. There is really no necessary connection between Socialism and the labor movement. Just how they have become associated in France, M. Halévy makes very plain-but this part of his story is by far the most familiar to English and American readers. Socialism, in his opinion, has not engendered class contests, but has changed their character for the better by making them more reflective and self-conscious. In this fact he sees the hope of the futurea society transformed not by warfare, as heretofore, but by economic changes directed toward a common object, the greatest happiness of the greatest number.

The weakest feature of M. Halévy's book is his failure to view the labor movement in its relation to capitalism. It is not only a social development, but is conditioned by its economic bearings as well. But this shortcoming is too common a vice with social theorists to be laid too heavily upon a single scapegoat.

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