

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Far East, a Political and Diplomatic History*, by PAYSON J. TREAT Ph. D. (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1928. Pp. 549. \$5.00.)

The purpose of this latest work from the skilled pen of the Professor of History at Stanford University is to furnish a textbook for students and a reference work for general readers in the field of Oriental history and diplomacy and their relation to world affairs. There is something highly gratifying in the fact that the public is rapidly awaking to the need of books of this kind and that an increasing band of accomplished scholars is as rapidly arising to meet the need. Among these Dr. Payson Treat has already won a distinguished place and this last volume is just what might have been expected by readers of his earlier work. It is full and accurate, well documented, and written in a style which is easily read and understood. If there is any criticism to be offered, it would be due to the fact that the term "*Far East*" has been rather narrowly construed as referring in the main to the two great countries of China and Japan. Probably this is what the reading public best understands by the term used, and the author is accordingly well justified in his interpretation. It must also be added that one admirable chapter sums up the relations of the United States to the Philippine Islands. The relations of the United States to the policies and problems of the Far East are throughout kept in view and the issues which are of American interest are presented fairly and impartially. Dr. Treat's conclusions will command the assent of all but extreme partisans.

A word of praise should be given for the form and technique of the volume as a piece of book making. There are good maps, ample bibliographies, and an almost complete absence of typographical errors. At least the only one your reviewer has detected is the use of '2,000' for a probable '200' on p 517. We trust "*The Far East*" may have the widest possible use.

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*History of England*. By W. E. LUNT. (New York and London: Harper and Brothers, 1928. Pp. 900. \$4.25.)

This book, a worthy addition to Harper's Historical Series, justifies the editorial foreword of Dean Ford: it has maintained