American History Told By Contemporaries

It is interesting to follow along with Johnston the trail he took on foot and by canoe over 3,000 miles of wild and remote country, little known and exceedingly beautiful. From Mayne Island to the upper waters of the Peace river the author wandered, making friends on every hand. A sympathetic listener, Johnston was able to glean a great deal of information through his conversations with these pioneering people, and it is for the picture of their daily lives brought out in this way that the book is chiefly interesting.

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American History Told by Contemporaries. Edited by Albert BUSHNELL HART, with the collaboration of JOHN GOULD CURTIS. Vol. V. "Twentieth Century United States, 1900-1929." (New York, The Macmillan Company, 1929. Pp. XXI. 917. \$3.75.) This is the fifth volume in the well known and useful series edited by Professor Hart that has done so much to make American history vivid and interesting. This series is so well known to teachers everywhere that comment on its character is unnecessary. The present volume covers a briefer period than its predecessors and presents problems of selection that the earlier volumes did not because the material of the earlier problems could be seen somewhat in perspective. Perhaps no two individuals would include the same extracts. Judgments differ, and so do points of view. In the present volume there are rarely presented extracts more or less in conflict with each other. Owing to the, as yet, unsettled character of the problems the inclusion of extracts on opposite sides would seem to make for fairness of treatment. However the editors have used their best judgment in making the selections, and the wisdom of Professor Harts' judgment has been demonstrated in the earlier volumes. The reviewer would have found space for LaFollette's side of the campaign of 1912, as a corrective of the Roosevelt side: he would have found a different statement of Wilson's "Too proud to fight," and he would not have included Roosevelts story of "Warning the German Emporer" in the light of Hill's, Roosevelt and the Carribean. However, these are incidental differences of opinion, and the volume will take its place with the others in the series as the standard source books in American History.

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