

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Mingling of the Races.* By G. M. TREVELYAN. (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1934. Pp. 192. \$1.35.)

This brief account is a splendid addition to the many popular books dealing with the history of England. Professor Trevelyan draws upon an inexhaustable fund of knowledge of social, economic, religious, and intellectual history and produces a clear picture in lucid language. Many passages reveal the sure touch of a skillful artist who knows how to decorate a story with telling phrase and the right kind of detail. Not the least fascinating among the many pleasant passages is the account on pages 110-112 of the Scandinavian invasions. In no other work can a reader find in the brief compass of 191 pages so splendid a picture of the important formative history of the English people to the death of Henry I in 1135. The book should be read by all whose conception of English history during this remote age has been derived from Green. In no better way can he get a realization of the immense progress which historical studies have made during the past two generations.

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*The Irrepressible Conflict, 1850-1865.* By ARTHUR CHARLES COLE. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1934. Pp. 468. \$4.00.)

Professor Cole's work is a part of the series on the "History of American Life," edited by Arthur M. Schlesinger and Dixon Ryan Fox. It provides an unusually interesting and valuable contribution both in its adequate documentation, and in the comprehensive discussion of social and cultural development. It is not an easy task to re-interpret the forces that divided North from South. Here are the many threads of the story of division. Economic factors are recognized and described, but more as a part of a popular tendency, that is, taking the attitudes of various classes into account. It is in some ways a study in public opinion.

The two civilizations developed in contiguous territories along quite different lines. These differences affected politics, but political platforms and campaigns exhibited the external event, not the backgrounds or cause. Professor Cole appreciates the importance of the Middle West in the period. He has used a vast number of news-