Recent Developments in the Social Sciences

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believe that everything should be changed and those who believe that
nothing should be changed cannot work together on particular undertakings
apart from their general theories. Professor Weatherly says that his own
outlook on social progress "is pluralistic and humanistic." No doubt it is;
and probably it is positivistic also in that he looks out on conditions and
finds that each theory or each explanation may have some truth but that it
falls short of solving the whole problem.
Surely the book is excellent not only for the student in the field of
Sociology but for the general reader who wants some comment pro and
con upon the various factors in social progress that are constantly dis-
cussed.

Recent Developments in the Social Sciences. J. B. Lippincott

This is an extraordinary book in that it attempts to give in a single
small volume (400 pages) a summary of recent developments in six
of the various social sciences—Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Politi-
cal Science, Cultural Geography, and History. Surely it is a rather large
order. In order to accomplish the purpose the writers must be conceded
great freedom in condensation and in generalization of their material. No
detailed treatment is possible.
Perhaps it is fair to say that only a specialist in these several fields
could give a fair estimate of whether this generalized process has been
carried out in an accurate and scholarly manner. Thus the present re-
viewer is not qualified to pass judgment on the content of the book. We
notice, however, that the social sciences mentioned above of which the
book treats are discussed by Professors Ellwood, Wissler, Gault, Sauer,
Clark, Merriam, and Barnes. In their respective fields this is a distin-
guished group of men. The general reader can see that the treatment is
readable, informative and apparently fair and scholarly in its development.

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