

REVIEWS OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS IN 'REVOLT'

(We have excerpted from the available numbers of 'Revolt' some of the reviews of the journals and books that engaged the attention of the Self-respectors. One important review, however has been included in the category 'On Soviet Russia' as it throws light on those aspects of the erstwhile Soviet Russia that seemed pertinent to the Self-respect Movement- *Prof.S.V.Rajadurai, Head, Centre for Periyar Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli*)

REVIEWS

1)A *Study of Caste*: This short book is written by Mr. P. Lakshmi Narasu, author of "The Essence of Buddhism". The author makes a critical study of the institution of caste and clearly shows how social reformers need not offer any constructive programme, and how their work in this sphere should necessarily be destructive. Though short in size, this book contains 160 pages of most useful information about the influences of Brahminism and its baneful effects on society. The learned author has made a deep study of the Buddhistic tenets and has given elaborate accounts about the influence of other religions on Hinduism. His extensive knowledge of and deep penetration into other reformed religions obtaining at present stand him in good stead in the production of this excellent book. He advocates fearless revolt against the crippling disease of caste system and emphasises upon the immediate destruction of this social intolerance, which is eating the very vitals of our society. In his characteristically vigorous style, the author vehemently attacks Brahminism and condemns in unequivocal terms the ruinous results it has brought upon humanity. The writer has a forceful way of expression which not a little adds to his scholarly discussion. He has cited historical evidences for the origin of caste and the various forces that were set against it from time to time. Indeed, the author has done a great national service. In short, as far as the substance is concerned, the book leaves nothing to be desired. We only wish the book is divided into chapters in the next edition. The short size of the book specially makes it convenient to be carried with us at all times.

It is an indispensable life-companion to all social reformers, and we specially recommend it to every English knowing member of the Self respect movement.

Price :Rs.1-8-0; Copies can be had of: Sri Siddhartha Book Depot, Champion Reef Post, Kolar Gold Field.

2)*The People's* "Lajpatrai Number": The Lajpatrai Number of *The People* is published in 64 pages, and priced at annas eight only. The number contains many photos of the departed leader, taken at various stages of his life. There are contributions about Lalaji by such learned men as Messrs. Romain Rolland, Nariman, Bai Paramanand and others. Tributes and impressions by prominent men also find a place in it. One special feature is the publication of some hitherto unpublished articles written by Lalji. In short, the number gives a very good account of the celebrated leader who recently disappeared from our midst, and the ideals he fought for.

Address: The Manager, The people, 2 Court Street, Lahore.

1)*The Young Liberator*: an English Monthly of about 50 pages, edited and published by Mr. H.D. Rajah. We have received 4,5,6,7 and 8 of the first volume of the magazine. As far as we understand it is the only journal in English which is exclusively devoted to younger generations. It contains many contributions by the leading youth of the country, who take the keenest interest in the social and political freedom of our country. The journal is a fearless exponent of the revolt which finds stern advocacy in every page of it. It has an undaunted mission of the youths of our country and every English knowing youth should take it a pride to purchase copies of this most valuable journal. We heartily wish the journal a bold and prosperous future.

Annual subscription : Rs.2 Address: The Manager The Young Liberator, Bombay.

The Scholar: An English monthly journal of about 46 pages devoted to literature, science and art, and edited by Mr. E. Parameswari, M.A., L.T. We have received Nos.3,4,5,6 and 7 of vol.IV of this journal and are immensely pleased with its neat get up. The contributors to this journal areerudite lawyers who have made special..... of

the subjects they write upon. As its indicates, the scholarly contributions that have a place in the journal are sure to be of immense use especially to college students. Each issue contains small poems of interest also. We wish the journal devoted to scholarly genius to questions of social reforms and also wish it less orthodox in its views.

Annual subscription : Rs.3, *Address*: The Manager, The Scholar, Palghat.

The Jaina Gazette : an English monthly of 21 pages edited by Messrs. Ajit Prasad, M.A. L.L.B. and C.S. Mallinath and published from Madras. This organ of the India Jaina Association advocates the cause of Jainism, the ancient religion of our land. The journal brings home to us the humanitarian aspects of the teachings of the revered founder Mahavira Varthamana. We are sure that those who have a metaphysical turn of mind and those who are anxious to know more about the enlightening principles of Jainism will find this journal immensely useful.

Annual Subscription: Rs.3 *Address*: The Manager, The Jaina Gazette, 18 Kalamantapam Road, Rayapuram, Madras.

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The Widows Cause: An English monthly of about 30 pages edited by Mr. Mehr Chand Mohan, B.A., and published for the Vidhava Vivah Sahaik Sabha from Lahore. This journal is wholly devoted to the upliftment of widows, and contains impressive articles on the deplorable condition of Hindu widows. It presents a gruesome picture of the appalling miseries of the 1 ¾ crores of widows that are plunged in the unredeemable mire of degradation. A special feature of the journal is the publication of a long list of widows with their qualifications who are ready for remarriage. In addition, there is also a list of candidates who are prepared to marry widows. The work of the journal is evident from

the fact that the Sabha of which the paper is the organ, conducts more than 300 widow marriages in each month. The publishers are really doing a great national service that is sure to win them an immortal fame. The journal, in short is a presentation of the tragedy in Hindustan.

Annual Subscription: Rs.2, Address: The Manager, *The Widows' Cause*, Lahore.

The Chinese Students Monthly: We have received the first three numbers of Vol. XXIV of this journal. It is a monthly in English edited by Mr. J.A. Mei, and published by the Chinese Students Alliance in the United States of America. A journal of about 40 pages, printed in featherweight paper, it contains learned contributions about the affairs in China, and gives a specific account of the conditions in Modern China. It has a special appeal to the Student population and paints a clear picture of the inestimable service that is rendered by the youths, in the promotion of the political, economic and cultural interests of the Chinese. All youth organisations in our country should feel it a pride to have copies of the journal on their reading room tables.

Annual Subscription: 2 Dollars. Address: The Manager, *The Chinese Students Monthly*, Me Culloch D-39 Soldiers field, Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

The Indian Labour Journal: An English monthly of about 20 pages edited by Mr. V.R. Kalappa is the official organ of the B.N. Railway Indian Labour Union. The journal is wholly devoted to the cause of labour, and proclaims the importance of labour in modern economic conditions It is a good companion for those who are anxious to help the cause of labour.

Annual Subscription: Rs.3 Address: The Manager, *The Indian Labour Journal*, Gadkeri Bungalow, Sitabaidi, Nagpur, C.P.

India-A monthly summary of Indian News, Published in English by the India Publications Ltd., London. A journal of about 70 pages, it contains photographs of important architectural buildings in India and interesting notes about the provincial cities. The journal, it seems, is intended for foreigners who are interested in India, Burma and Ceylon.

Annual Subscription – 12 shillings Address: India Publications Ltd. Gloucester House, 19 Charing Cross Road, London. W.C.

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Review

The Young Liberator - Annual Number:-The number contains inspiring articles from some of the ablest writers on the Youth movement. Every page of the *Annual* teems with the irrepressible spirit of liberty which unconsciously breaks forth from the bars of oppression and suppression. We very much appreciate the learned articles on "Religion" which afford opportunity for thinking. The photos of Bhagat Singh and Dutt adorn the opening pages of the *Annual*. The book is priced very low when compared with the substance it contains.

The Editor in summing up the "record of service" rendered by the journal, refers to its work in the campaign of liberating "India from the bondage of foreigners." We would rather wish the journal, being the organ of the youth movement devotes its valuable pages in the more important work of destroying all that is against mutual goodwill and universal brotherhood, and in establishing a common bond of union between the people of divergent races, religions and castes. That is a task which would be more befitting the youths than the burning furnace of politics.

Price:-Annas Six,

Address:-Manager,

Young Liberator, Bombay.21.

-Revolt, 13th October 1929

