

*Forecasts of the Coming Century*,<sup>2</sup> by A Decade of Writers, "is an attempt to bring to a focus the speculations of various writers on the changes going on in the social and industrial situation." Prophecy in politics is proverbially dangerous, but we think the prophecies in this volume had better be regarded as suggestions of the direction in which social changes may come about than as accurate forecasts of events in the immediate future. For instance, Professor A. R. Wallace's idea of the establishment of self-supporting colonies in every county in the United Kingdom is most valuable as a practical suggestion, since the experiment has been successfully tried in the Dutch colony of Frederiksoord; but the most sanguine Socialist could hardly hope to see this scheme carried out on any large scale in this country within the next century. The ignorance and prejudice of the masses against any forms of co-operation such as these can only be overcome by a long course of education vastly

<sup>2</sup> *Forecasts of the Coming Century.* By A Decade of Writers: A. R. Wallace, Tom Mann, H. Russell Smart, William Morris, H. S. Salt, Enid Stacy, Margaret McMillan, Grant Allen, Bernard Shaw, Edward Carpenter. Manchester: The Labour Press, Ltd-1897.

superior to anything we are likely to have here for many years to come.

But, whatever we may think of these essays as forecasts, they represent, at any rate, ideals worth striving for, as they consist of criticisms showing us what to avoid and why. As an example of the former type, we may mention "The Socialistic Ideal in Art," by the late William Morris; and of the latter, "Means and Ends in Education," by Miss Margaret McMillan.