

enough to claim the admiration, of the most nonchalant reader. Much as the author's scientific economics appeals to us, we must say that his sturdy vision into society and social evolution are even more to our liking; and there can be little doubt that for many of us, mathematicians or otherwise, the most inspired portions of Pareto's Manuel will be the sociology of Chapters II and IX.

In closing this review it may be only proper to apologize a bit for its tardiness. At the same time we may perhaps point out that it is now while we are in the midst of modifying constitutions, whether actually or under various disguises such as preferential primaries or judicial rule of reason, while we are attacking or about to attack the formerly sacred institution of private property, under many a pretext other than the real one that might makes right, now while we in America are perhaps more than ever conscious of our present or impending social evolution is the time when we may derive the most benefit from having our attention called to Pareto's observations on the ills that beset us. As for the mathematical economics, that is still good, and still will be good at any time when we may settle down to study it.

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#### NOTES.

THE programme of the Fifth international congress of mathematicians at Cambridge, England, begins on Wednesday evening, August 21, with a reception of the members in the Hall of St. John's College. The opening meeting will be held on Thursday morning and the afternoon will be devoted to organisation, election of officers, and two of the special lectures. On the following days sectional meetings will be held in the morning and lectures will be delivered in the afternoon. The congress will divide into four sections: I. Arithmetic, algebra, analysis; II. Geometry; III. Mechanics, physical mathematics, applications; IV. Philosophical, historical, and didactic questions. In connection with Section IV three discussions inaugurated by the International commission on the teaching of mathematics will be held. The sections will be further subdivided as the number of papers may require.