

*William Jennings Bryan: Missionary Isolationist.* By Kendrick A. Clements. (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1982. Pp. xvi, 214. Tables, illustrations, notes, bibliographical essay, index. \$19.95.)

In an excellent example of revisionism Professor Kendrick A. Clements has made an important contribution with this book on William Jennings Bryan and foreign policy. Bryan scholars and diplomatic historians will find much of use. Arguing that Bryan's foreign policy record deserves additional study, the author notes that "Bryan's attitudes mirrored those of millions of Americans . . . as they faced an increasingly unstable and dangerous world" (p. i). Bryan combined an evangelical sense of Christian—and American—mission with a practical idealism that sometimes remained in harmony and sometimes conflicted. As an evangelical Christian and highly ethnocentric American, Bryan believed in America's obligation to "moralize" the world, thus causing him reluctantly to support annexation of the Philippines and intervention in Latin America. Yet he also evidenced ability to compromise, work with potential foes and allies, and view realistically a world hurrying to war.

Clements's contribution is enhanced by excellent research and good writing. Certainly the author was exhaustive with his research, and he employs a lively and interesting style. Photographs and charts are a useful addition. There are, however, some minor flaws. Clements overlooks the 1908 election while mentioning those before and after. He excuses Bryan's lack of concern with or knowledge of economic imperialism. He may be too lenient with Bryan over relations with Japan, and, lastly, he may be too forgiving of Bryan's stewardship of the State Department, his staffing the Foreign Service with "deserving" Democrats, and his role in the Sullivan scandal. Perhaps, in performing a useful and necessary revision of Bryan and foreign policy, Clements slightly overstates his case; nonetheless, this book is necessary reading for scholars of the period.

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*Sport and American Mentality, 1880-1910.* By Donald J. Mrozek. (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1983. Pp. xx, 284. Illustrations, notes, selected bibliography, index. Cloth-bound, \$24.95; paperbound, \$12.95.)

Although Donald J. Mrozek is a historian with a number of sport history contributions to his credit, readers who are looking for a general history of sport in his new book, *Sport and American*