

Review

The Public Park

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This small book is aimed at a limited public, being one in the Local Search Series of handbooks designed to help school-children carry out 'projects'. This particular one on Public parks is very relevant to modern life as the need for public outdoor recreation becomes increasingly important. The student is asked to do a vast amount of fact-finding for himself, thus gaining an intimate knowledge of how parks are designed and maintained. Perhaps more important will be the student's ultimate realisation of the value of these open spaces however large or small, simple or sophisticated, to the health and well-being of the whole community.

The author's excellent range of photographs and Colin Gilson's useful line drawings give life to this text-book and I particularly liked the well explained double page 25-inch plan of a town park.

Any park manager could spend some useful and salutary minutes considering replies to some of the questions which Mr. Edlin suggests the students should pose.

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