

of the Arab invasion and of the Berber dynasties followed by that of the Sherifs from the 16th to the 19th century is interesting but the book is meagre in its description of the religion of the people. Although chapter 13 deals with the statistics of population the writer gives nothing regarding their social and intellectual life. The bibliography is very full and there are four maps. The table of contents, in the usual French style, does duty as an index. The author expresses the hope that France will develop her new colony and thus justify the annexation:

"Que le Français n'aille pas au Maroc en dilettante inutile, en conquistador nourri de chimères, ou bien en illusionniste à la recherche d'une vie facile, mais s'y montre le travailleur dont l'effort, uni aux efforts de tous, peut seul aboutir à la conquête économique."

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The Lure of Africa. By Cornelius H. Patton. 16 mo. Pp. 193. New York: Missionary Education Movement. 1917.

Most searchers after the picturesque in Africa leave out North Africa and the Moslems for they say that these people are too distinctly Arabic, in their culture if not race, properly to belong to Africa. Dr. Patton, however, in his very readable book takes two of the five pictures in his first chapter from Moslem Cairo and semi-Moslem Mombasa. Furthermore, two of his seven chapters are devoted entirely to Islam—"The Strongholds of Mohammedanism" and "Mohammedanism on the March." Study classes for whom this book was written, will get from this book not only a glimpse of the interest of Africa as a whole and its demands as a mission field but also an understanding of the present state of the great war which Christianity and Islam are waging in that continent for the mastery of its paganism.

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Croquis et Souvenirs de la Nigérie du Nord. By Isabelle Vischer. Attinger frères, Paris. Pp. 138. 1917.

Well described in its title as a succession of impressions and snapshots of this part of Africa. The writer is filled with admiration and love for the people. She came to Nigeria with her husband in 1912. The incidents of Mohammedan life ring true. The style is original, attractive and sometimes even poetical, while the illustrations and map add to the value of this brilliant sketch.

France et Liban. Défense des intérêts français en Syrie. By Ferdinand Tyan. Librairies Perrin & Cie. Paris. pp. 92. 1917. 1 fr. 50.

A sketch of the history of the Maronites going as far back as Charlemagne and their close connection with France is given as point of departure for a plea on behalf of closer relations after the war. In spite of the religious character of the Maronite government at the time of the separation of the State and the Church in 1905 the French Premier assured the Patriarch that France would remain faithful to her traditions.

There is a sketch also of the Druses and of their relation to the Maronites.

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