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of any really noteworthy South African literature. It will be seen that Dr. Nathan's book has a comprehensive scope ; it is a work which none interested in South Africa should neglect to read.

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Empire and Commerce in Africa.— **Leonard Woolf.** London: Labour Research Dept. and George Allen & Unwin. [1920.] Pp. 374. *Sketch-maps.* Price 20s.

In the judgment of the author of this book the general effects of European policy in Africa have been "almost wholly evil." He deals with events since "the scramble for Africa" began, and he attributes most of the evil he perceives to the exploitation of the continent and its peoples by the white man "to promote his own economic interests." It is a commonplace that economic interests provided the leading motive for the partition of Africa, but we do not make any attempt here to consider the truth or otherwise of Mr. Woolf's indictment.

While his bias colours throughout his interpretation of events, the author gives a well-informed account, well provided with references, of the struggle among European Powers to acquire territory or influence in North, East, and Central Africa. For this purpose the book is of value as a work of reference. It is not however free from error. It is inexcusable ignorance to describe Tripoli before the Italian conquest as "another Regency [like Tunisia] nominally under the Porte and ruled by another Bey." The description of the mainland dominions of Zanzibar as a continuous strip of territory is also an error which might well have been avoided. And a search through newspaper files would have saved the author from expressing doubt as to the date of the death of King John of Abyssinia, and building up an argument on the point in connection with the Treaty of Ucciali. John was killed in March, not November, 1889. The news was published in the London Press in April of that year.

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Seeing the Far West.— **J. T. Faris.** Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Co. 1920. Pp. 304. *Illustrations and Maps.* 25s. net.

"Most Americans need to wake up to the fact that in their own west is scenery that is beyond comparison." That sentence of the author is the keynote to the book. He describes many of the most picturesque and interesting regions in the western United States from Puget Sound and the Yellowstone Park to the Mexican frontier, and he seldom lets us forget that the scenery is "beyond comparison." There is interesting matter in the book, but the continual hyperbole is irritating. The illustrations are well chosen, and there is an appendix with maps giving the national parks, monuments, and forests in the west.

La République Argentine.— **Pierre Denis.** Pp. 299. Paris: Armand Colin. 1920. Price 14 fr.

This volume is a worthy companion to the author's earlier book on Brazil, and will enhance his already high reputation as a geographer. As the subtitle, 'La Mise en Valeur du Pays,' indicates, it is primarily a study of the colonization and economic development of Argentina; and the order of treatment of the several regions is largely that of their settlement. In his introduction the author states that he has adopted this plan in preference to a more strictly regional treatment because of the newness of the country and the resulting fact that the population has not had time to develop *in situ* in relation