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villages on the other. In Lanarkshire, again, maps show a beautiful example of the analogy between relief of the land and density of population in its simplest form. The illustrations in the same volume are particularly well chosen to illustrate every interest of the county.

'Climbing in the Ogwen District.' By J. M. Archer Thomson. (London : Arnold. 1910. Pp. xx., 124. *Diagrams and Illustrations*. 5s.) A clearly written and beautifully illustrated little volume by a pioneer climber who knows every inch of his district—a phrase justifiable in this connection.

'Guides-Joanne.' (Paris : Hachette. 1910.) 'Normandie.' By P. Joanne. (Pp. 456, 152. *Maps*. 7 fr. 50.) 'Suisse.' By P. Joanne. (Pp. 380, *Maps*. 7 fr. 50.) 'Le Havre.' (Pp. 43, 152. *Plans and Illustrations*. 1 fr.) 'Lourdes.' (Pp. 32, 152. *Plans and Illustrations*. 0 fr. 50.) The large volumes follow the usual form of this well-known series. A notable feature of the Swiss guide is the very large number of the maps, which in view of the price of the volume disarms criticism of the rather rough printing. The smaller volumes (the second and longer category of whose pages is mainly occupied by advertisements) contain illustrations, and their information is highly detailed.

'Hungary.' Edited by Albert Kain. (Budapest : Erdélyi. 1910. Pp. 400 *Illustrations*. £2 10s.) This large and heavy volume, full of illustrations of Hungarian scenery and features of the principal towns, has been issued by the Hungarian State Railways, and published by order of the Minister of Commerce. It is sumptuously produced, finely illustrated, and full of information. An English proof-reader would find some work to do.

'Von Rügen bis Lappland.' By H. Beerli. (St. Gallen : Fehr'sche Buchhandlung. 1910. Pp. 124. *Illustrations*. 3 m. 50.) A simple narrative of a journey through Sweden from south to north, along recognized tourist routes—the Göta canal, Dalecarlia, Jämtland, and the northern railway by Gällivara to Narvik on the Ofoten fjord. The book has no distinctive feature, but is well produced and fairly illustrated.

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'The Glory of the Shia World.' By Major P. M. Sykes and Ahmad Din Khan. *Illustrated*. Pp. xiv. + 277. London : Macmillan. 1910. 10s. net.

Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society, who have listened to Major Sykes, and looked at his admirable photographs, will be glad to renew their acquaintance with his experiences in this pseudo-autobiography of one Nurullah Khan. They can follow him again to Kerman, Bam, Jiruft, Yezd, the Lut, and Meshed, with much pleasant entertainment by the way in the shape of anecdote relevant and irrelevant, citations from Persian authors, and humorous, half ironical, but always faithful descriptions of life and customs. Major Sykes has been greatly daring—perhaps he is hardly conscious how greatly he has dared—in challenging direct comparison with Morier's "Haji Baba," whom he represents as the grandfather of his Nurullah. But we have to judge his book here, not from the literary, but the geographical point of view, and, so regarded, we give it hearty welcome. If Major Sykes and Prof. Browne between them have told us too much of Kerman already to leave any novelty for this book, none has told us so much of the holy places at Meshed and the ceremonies of the pilgrimage as Nurullah does ; and there is much detail in the social descriptions, especially those of marriage and funeral customs, which is new to us. The illustrations, though hardly illustrative of the text, are things of beauty and joy.

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