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'The Old and New Peru.' By Marie R. Wright. (Philadelphia: Barrie. 1908. Pp. 456. *Map and Illustrations*.) This bulky and very heavy volume contains a careful study of the history and modern condition of Peru, on which, indeed, it should prove a most valuable authority. It treats the modern country from every point of the political, commercial, and social aspects, and is beautifully illustrated.

'The Great Pacific Coast.' By C. Reginald Enock. (London: Grant Richards. 1909. Pp. xi., 356. *Maps and Illustrations*. 16s.) The aim of this work—to treat the whole Pacific coast of North and South America "as a physical and political entity"—is certainly bold and original. Perhaps it can hardly be felt that the author welds together the various and widely divergent interests of this vast subject sufficiently closely to justify his object, but whatever opinion may be held on this point, it must be admitted that he omits none of them, and preserves a fair perspective through all. The large and good map of the seaboard and the eastern part of the ocean deserves mention.

'Journal of an Expedition across Venezuela and Colombia.' By Hiram Bingham. (London: Fisher Unwin. 1909. Pp. viii., 287. *Map and Illustrations*. 10s. net.) This journey has been dealt with in the *Journal*, vol. 32, p. 329. It was made with the object of exploring the route of Bolivar's march in 1819, and the battlefields of Boyacá and Carabobo, and was carried out in 1906-7. But the author took the opportunity of making a number of biological and ethnographical observations, and this volume, which is mainly in diary form, is rather of scientific than of historical interest (apart from the mere narrative of the journey, which is well told). There is, however, a short historical sketch in addition to the study of the battlefields mentioned, and, among other results, the observation of weather and temperature regularly made during the journey may be mentioned.

AUSTRALASIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS.

'Wanderings among South Sea Savages.' By H. Wilfrid Walker. (London: Witherby. 1909. Pp. xvi., 254. *Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) The author's experiences extended over Fiji, New Guinea, Borneo, and the Philippines, and his interests would seem to have lain chiefly in the direction of ethnographical study. He and his companions were the first white men to visit and communicate with the peculiar "flat-footed" lake-dwellers, the Agai Ambu, in Papua. In Borneo he saw much of the Dyaks, and also provides an interesting account of the swallow's caves and the native methods of obtaining their edible nests.

'Neuseeland.' By M. F. Blassneck. (Bonn: Brock. 1908. Pp. viii., 139. *Map*.) This dissertation, presented at the University of Bonn, consists of a short general historical, physical, and economic survey of New Zealand. Special mention may be made of the careful and systematic analysis of mineral and agricultural products, in which a full use is made of statistics.

'Across Papua.' By Colonel Kenneth Mackay. (London: Witherby. 1909. Pp. xvi., 192. *Maps and Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) The author has not only crossed the British territory in New Guinea in its northerly part, but has coasted practically the whole of it, and visited the D'Entrecasteaux, Trobriand, and other islands. He was occupied on a Royal Commission, but this volume is of course an unofficial narrative. It is full of information about the natives and economic products of the territory.

GENERAL.

'Words and Places.' By the Rev. T. Taylor; edited by the Rev. A. S. Palmer (London: Routledge. [N.d.] Pp. xxxvii., 425. *Maps*. 6s.) The first edition of