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the circumstances. Meanwhile we shall all hope for the best and look forward to the return of the expedition safe if not successful. I do not think, as far as I, who am no expert in these matters, can judge, and as far as those who are experts can advise me, that there is any grave additional risk to Shackleton's party involved in our recent news. There appears reason to believe him to have started with provisions sufficient to take him across the Continent, even if not met till he got to Hut Point. The only great inconvenience, therefore, that would be caused would be his having to spend another winter in the Antarctic before he was rescued.

REVIEWS

A Vagabond Voyage through Brittany.— **Mrs. Lewis Chase.** London : Hutchinson & Co. 1915. Pp. vii, 316. *Map and Illustrations.* 7s. 6d. net.

IN this book Mrs. Chase tells the story of an "inland voyage" by herself and her husband through the heart of Brittany. They bought a small rowing boat and followed the wonderful canal system from Dinan, near St. Malo, south and west *via* Rennes, Redon, and Pontivy to Chateaulin, near Brest. The distance from St. Malo to Brest by this route is 510 kilometres (317 miles), and the number of locks is no fewer than 280. In making such a voyage Mr. and Mrs. Chase found that they were in the nature of pioneers. They usually put up at night with the lock-keepers, and the book affords some interesting glimpses of the home-life of these people. It is to be noted that though the trip was made before the war the travellers carried authorization papers from Paris, and their coming was known all along the route. Many charming photographs by Mrs. Chase illustrate the quiet rural beauty of the districts traversed.

Portugal and the Portuguese.— **Aubrey F. G. Bell.** London : Pitman & Sons. 1915. Pp. xiv., 263. *Illustrations and Map.* 6s. net.

This book forms one of the Countries and Peoples series published by this firm. Only sixteen pages are devoted to population and employment (in which is included a short account of products), and there is no connected geographical description of the country, though the careful reader can glean here and there isolated facts of interest. Much of the book deals with the characteristics of the Portuguese, life in town and country, and noted convents and palaces ; but the greater portion is occupied with history, literature, and politics. Unfortunately the historical survey is too short to be of much value. There is an interesting chapter on the relations of Great Britain and Portugal, and another on Portugal of the future.

Constantinople, Old and New.— **H. C. Dwight.** London : Longmans, Green & Co. 1915. Pp. xiv., 555. *Illustrations.* 21s. net.

The normal life of Constantinople is well described, and there is a profusion of excellent illustrations. An interesting chapter treats of Old Constantinople, but rather less space is given to historical than to modern aspects. The author gives detailed accounts of the revolution in 1908, the capture of Constantinople in 1909, and of the city in war time, 1912-1913.