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been extensive, ranging from Peking to the furthest extremity of Yunnan. His chief specialized interest appears to have lain in religious and educational matters. He illustrates his own chapters with a large number of coloured and sepia drawings.

'China: its Marvel and Mystery.' By T. Hodgson Liddell. (London: Allen. 1909. Pp. xiii., 203. *Illustrations*. 21s.) This is primarily a picture-book, and the author-artist's sketches are beautiful and beautifully reproduced. Not only so; speaking purely from the artist's point of view, he broke a good deal of new ground, and though not a few of his scenes are familiar, he presents them, with both brush and pen, in new lights.

'A Scamper through the Far East.' By Major H. H. Austin. (London: Arnold. 1909. Pp. xvi., 336. *Maps and Illustrations*. 15s.) The general character of this book can be guessed from the title: it deals with a journey by the Trans-Siberian railway to Manchuria, and so to Korea and Japan. But the author has a good deal to say on recent and current affairs in the Far East, and his most interesting work in his topographical study of many of the principal battle-grounds in the Russo-Japanese War.

'My Thirty Years in India.' By Sir Edmund C. Cox. (London: Miles & Boon. 1909. Pp. x., 306. *Illustrations*. 8s.) This book deals mainly with personal experiences, but the author's intimacy with Indian police administration enables him to write with authority on some of its problems.

'Thirty-seven Years of Big Game Shooting in Cooch Behar, the Duars, and Assam.' By the Maharajah of Cooch Behar. (London: Ward. 1908. Pp. xxviii., 461. *Map and Illustrations*. 21s. net.) These records of royal sport make a volume as heavy as the reading is light. They will be read with interest, and perhaps envy, by other sportsmen; but the author has not associated any science with his sport.

'A German Staff Officer in India.' By Count Hans von Königsmarck. (London: Kegan Paul. 1910. Pp. xiv., 340. *Illustrations*. 10s. 6d.) There is little but personal reminiscence in this volume, though it is a pleasure to read appreciation so unstinted from a foreigner. In his free use of colloquialism the translator has no doubt sought equivalents for the original German.

'The Place of India in the Empire.' By Lord Curzon. (London: Murray. 1909. Pp. 46. 1s.) This is an address delivered before the Philosophical Institute of Edinburgh, and contains a brief but suggestive analysis of the geographical position of India in regard to political and strategical considerations.

'Folk-lore of the Santal Parganas.' By C. H. Bompas. (London: Nutt. 1909. Pp. 483. 10s. 6d. net.) This volume consists principally of translations of the original native stories carefully collected and transcribed. They indicate the rich field which awaits investigators in this branch of ethnographical study. Both translations and the brief introduction are admirably done.

'Fryer's East India and Persia.' Vol. 1. Edited by W. Croke. (London: Hakluyt Society. 1909. Pp. xxxix., 353. *Illustrations*.) John Fryer's narrative of his travels in 1672-1681 is full of interest both in matter and in manner. It is well that it should have been produced with the care which the Society always devotes to its publications. The editor's biographical introduction, moreover, is excellent, and his notes never appear to deserve the charge which he himself offers against them, of unreasonable length.

## AFRICA.

### AFRICAN RIVER VEGETATION.

'Die Pflanzenbarren der Afrikanischen Flüsse.' (*Münchener Geographische Studien*, No. 24.) By Oswald Deuerling. München: 1909. 5s. 6d.

In this monograph Dr. Deuerling has brought together a very large amount of information bearing upon the blocking of river channels by vegetation, and, as the