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In the section Saint-Martin-Guillaumes-Enriez, which the author calls the "Var de Guillaumes," the river skirts such a synclinal depression, and formerly it terminated in the Annot hollow, but was subsequently captured by the "Nar de Touët," which is guided by a synclinal area below Entrevaux. How the present hydrographical system has been formed in all probability—for many details have not yet been fully demonstrated—is explained in this work, and there are also chapters on the torrential régime and deforestation with its disastrous effects.

A great defect is the absence of maps. Orographical and geological maps, however crude, would assist the reader, to whom the maps referred to by the author may not be easily accessible, in understanding the text.

'Les Grands Ports de France.' By Paul de Rousiers. (Paris: Armand Colin. 1909. 3.50 fr.) A monograph on the economic conditions of the ports of France. The author examines each instance from three points of view. (1) Regional: The capacity of a port for affording access to a hinderland. (2) Industrial: Convenience for trade; customs and regularity of traffic. (3) Convenience for maritime trade. Many ports, as Le Havre, fall under all three divisions; others under one only. Dunkerque is almost entirely regional. Rouen depends mostly on its traffic with the Paris basin. The commercial history of the ports is interestingly described, and their present trade and advantages discussed in a series of chapters devoted to the several ports. The book should be of value to students of economics.

'Cornwall.' By S. Baring Gould. ("Cambridge County Geographies" Series. Cambridge: University Press. Pp. ix., 164. *Maps and Illustrations*. 1s. 6d.) The series maintains its standard of excellence in this volume—of this the author's name should be sufficient guarantee. When so many different writers have contributed to the series, it is good to see the close editorial control that has been maintained over all, so that the uniformity of the series does not suffer.

'The Marlborough Country.' By H. C. Brentnall and C. C. Carter. (Pp. 77. *Diagrams*.) This memoir on sheet 266 of the 1-inch Ordnance Survey has been written for the use of Marlborough college, and sets an example which might well be followed. It teaches the study of topography and land-forms in connection with the map, and it pays particular attention to the monuments of antiquity (Avebury, Silbury, and a host of others less well known) with which the district abounds.

## ASIA.

### THE GAROS OF ASSAM.

'The Garos.' By Major A. Playfair, I.A. With an Introduction by Sir J. Bampfylde Fuller, K.C.S.I., C.I.E. (Published under the Orders of the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam.) *With Illustrations and Maps*. Pp. xvi., 172. London: Nutt. 1909. Size 8½ × 5½. Price 7s. 6d.

This book is another volume of the excellent series of monographs on the tribes of Assam, which is being issued under the auspices of the Government of the province. The plan and arrangement of the earlier works have been strictly followed in this volume—that is to say, there are sections on the People, their habitat and affinities, Domestic Life, Laws and Customs, Religion, Folk-lore, and Language.

The Garos inhabit, in the main, the range of hills on the west of Assam, but they are also found sporadically distributed over other parts of the province. A branch of the great Tibeto-Burman family, they have migrated, in common with other tribes, from the region of the Himalayas, and Major Playfair has been fortunate enough to recover some of their traditions regarding these wanderings. Like the