

ordeals and divination—are treated in considerable detail, and in a very readable fashion; and, in fact, more information is here conveyed in 133 pages than in many a larger and more pretentious volume. The book is illustrated with several excellent photographs and a frontispiece in colours, giving a view of the Pare Mountains.

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*The Empire at War.* Edited for the Royal Colonial Institute by Sir Charles Lucas, K.C.B. Vol. I. by the Editor. (London: Oxford University Press, 1921; pp. xi, 324; index, map, 26 illustrations. 15s. net.)

THIS is the first volume of a series of five the object of which is "to trace the growth of Imperial co-operation in war time prior to the late War, to give side by side a complete record of the effort made in the late War by every unit of the Overseas Empire from the greatest to the smallest, and also to tell in what particular ways and to what extent the fortunes and the development of each part were effected by the War." One of the volumes is to deal specifically with Africa. This preliminary volume contains an historical retrospect from the year 1655—when volunteers from Barbados joined the expedition sent out by Cromwell to capture Hispaniola and helped to take Jamaica, "perhaps the earliest instance of Imperial co-operation"—down to the outbreak of the Great War. The parts of greatest interest to readers of the JOURNAL will be the account of the African soldiers (pp. 258–263) and Chapter VI on the South African War. The place of that war in the evolution of the Empire is duly noted by the author. "It stands out as the first war in the New British Empire in which the overseas peoples collaborated with the Mother Country on an appreciable scale" (p. 134). It was "a pronouncement to an unfriendly and suspicious world that the British Empire was a single entity, a union in diversities, not an artificial and temporary combination, but a living body of many members" (p. 135). It pointed "the way to far wider combination and immeasurably greater achievement" (p. 136). The volume is clearly written and well illustrated. It is an inspiring record and we have pleasure in cordially recommending it to our readers.

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THIS number of the *Geographical Journal* contains two very interesting articles on African subjects. The first is a descrip-