

The Balkans: A Laboratory of History. By William M. Sloane, Professor of History in Columbia University. New York, Eaton & Mains, 1914. 321 pp. \$1.50 net.

The recent war in the Balkan peninsula has focussed the attention of the world on this region, and we have suddenly learned that we know nothing about these people. And yet no other part of the western world has had so much history, if migrations, wars, bloodshed are history. It has been the crucible of Europe, heated seven times hotter than any other part of the world. But when we began to try to understand recent events we found books rare, confused and unsatisfactory.

Professor Sloane has given us a book which will be very helpful in the effort to understand the present population, and the religious, political and social status of the Balkans. It is not a history of the Balkan peninsula, but a study of the peninsula as it is with enough of the history to help us understand the present status and the probable future. Professor Sloane's work is in striking contrast to the confused presentation of the material by many writers. He is clear, interesting and illuminating. His is the best book on the recent history and present status of Balkan affairs with which I am acquainted.

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Clement of Alexandria. By John Patrick, D.D., Professor of Biblical Criticism and Biblical Antiquities, University of Edinburgh. Wm. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh. 1914. 329 pp.

These are the Croall Lectures for 1899-1900, but have only now been published because of the impaired health of the author.

But the long delay has not been in vain, as he has been able to make use of the text of Stählin which has been published since 1900. There is a fine sketch of Clement and his writings. Lecture II is devoted to "The Relation of Christianity to Hellenism and Philosophy." Then follow chapters on "The Nature and Attributes of God," "The Person and Work of Christ," "The Ethics of Clement." It is an honest piece of work which can be heartily commended to those who wish to grapple with the mind of Clement.*

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