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from complete victory. Both in his text and in the statistical section also, he casts longing eyes at trans-Danubian territory—"the Bulgars are found in dense masses in Southern Bessarabia, in the environs of Bukharest, and, disseminated in oases of little importance, at other points in the kingdom of Rumania." Even if we suppose that, peasant fashion, these claims were intended to leave a margin for bargaining, they seem to show a notable lack of common sense. Nor can the insistence upon Bulgarian superiority to the Serbs, all things considered, be regarded as tactful. M. I. N.

ASIA

A Guide-book to Northern Palestine and Southern Syria.— Palestine Pocket Guide-books. Vol. 3. Published by the *Palestine News*, and edited by Lieut.-Colonel H. Pirie-Gordon. Pp. 154. 7 *Diagrams, Maps and Tables*. Price 20 P.T.

This is the third volume of a guide, of which the first two were reviewed in the *Monthly Record* for January this year. Like the previous parts this volume is based upon Baedeker's 'Palestine and Syria,' with, however, much additional historical matter particularly as bearing upon Arab and Crusading records. It is avowedly a makeshift guide to topography—the time for an exhaustive travel-guide has not yet come—but the very full historical data will assuredly be most valuable to members of the E. E. F. in Palestine. There is a mass of material gathered together here which is useful to any student of the Holy Land. The section on Damascus is very full.

This volume has also several special features of interest. Firstly, it is provided with by far the best coloured map of Palestine and Syria—from Maan in the south to Latikiya in the north (on the scale 1 : 750,000)—which we have seen in any book. It is reproduced by the 'Survey of Egypt, 1918.' There are, too, small maps on the same sheet on various scales of Beirut, Sidon, Tyre, Damascus, Safed, Acre, Lake Tiberias, Mount Carmel and the Nablus districts. Secondly, there is an Appendix upon the "Emirate of Mecca and the Arab Movement," and three tables of great interest showing descent of the Arab clans from the family of Mohammed, and especially the claims of King Husein to the Khalifate of Islam. And lastly there is an important "Sketch of the Topography and Geology of Palestine" by Major R. W. Brock, R.E., which is in parts an original contribution to our knowledge. Especially interesting is the section on 'the Late Geological History of the Ghor,' where Major Brock makes interesting original observations regarding Jebal Usdum. With regard to "volcanic rocks" the writer is not apparently on such sure ground, as it is not literally correct to say that the Lake of Tiberias "in fact has basalt on all sides of it," nor that "the most important mass of basalt on the west is Jebal Safed." There are a few small outcrops of lava in places, but the great mass of Jebal Safed consists of soft limestone with belts of flint.

The Guide-book as a whole is a most useful piece of work, and of interest to the general reader as well as to those for whom it has been specially compiled.

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With the Persian Expedition.— Major M. H. Donohoe. London : Edward Arnold. 1919. *Illustrations*. 16s. net.

We welcome this book, which gives in an interesting form the first account of one of the adventures of the war, in which Major-General Dunsterville operated against the Turks at Baku across north-west Persia with scarcely more than a handful of officers and men.