

both the British and German authorities to gain the friendship of a native ruler, M'tela, and his tribesmen. To accomplish this end, expeditions are sent by both powers, that of the British under Culbertson and that of the Germans under Winkleman. The two leaders are explorers and scientists of renown, and have learned, through long experience, the art of dealing with the African natives. Between the two a friendship had previously existed, sprung out of their interest in similar pursuits. But here they are leaders of rival expeditions. But there is a third expedition in the story,—this one with a woman at its head. It turns out that she is in the employ of the German Government, commissioned to delay Culbertson so that Winkleman may get the first word with M'tela. The romance begins with "the Leopard Woman" and her caravan falling in with Culbertson and the matching of her wits against his, in which, at last, he wins out. Mixed up with the tale of plot and counterplot is the love story of Culbertson and the fair intriguer. The book is crowded with exciting adventure, and is told in its author's best style.

Kinsmen, by Percival J. Cooney (S. B. Gundy, Toronto, 366 pages, \$1.50), is a story of early days in the Ottawa Valley. The historical background is the conflict between the Laird of McNab, on the one side, and his clansmen on the other,—he attempting to establish his authority as chief on the new soil of Canada and they manfully asserting and maintaining their rights as free men. It was a struggle between feudalism and democracy, which issued in the triumph of democracy. The drama is staged amidst the ad-

venturous and picturesque life of the early settlers. In this setting is placed the charming love story of Flora McIntyre and Barclay Craig, the young Scotch surveyor who had come to carry out some work for the Laird.

It is, perhaps, easiest to indicate the spirit and purpose of **The Inner Life**, by Rufus M. Jones, M.A., Litt.D., Professor of Philosophy in Haverford College (The Macmillan Company, New York, the Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 196 pages, \$1.00), by making one or two quotations: "The only possible way to realize a kingdom of God in this world, or in any other world, is," says the author, "to begin by getting an inner spirit, the spirit of the kingdom formed within the lives of the few or many who are to be the 'seed' of it." And again: "When a life is set on fire, and is radiant with self-consuming love." Professor Jones' book takes us, to quote once more, this time words found in the preface, "from accounts of trenches lost or won to spend a little time with the less noisy but no less mysterious battle line inside the soul, and from problems of foreign diplomacy to the drama of the inner life."

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