

"An' we have preaching on Sunday, whenever the sea is calm,
An' I use no knife nor pistol an' I never take no harm,
For the Lord abideth back of me to guide my fighting arm.
An' I sign for four pound ten a month and save the money clear,
An' I'm in charge of the lower deck, an' I never lose a steer;
An' I believe in Almighty God, an' I preach His Gospel here.
The skippers say I'm crazy, but I can prove 'em wrong,
For I am in charge of the lower deck with all that doth belong—
Which they would not give to a lunatic, and the competition so strong?"

The Seven Seas will please you and shock you; make you proud of your British heritage, and ashamed of your fellow-man; but you will have to confess that Rudyard Kipling is no ordinary versifier, but a strong soul-wrestling with the fate of a strong and more than half unlovely world.

I have received from the author a duodecimo volume of 254 pages, published by Hazard & Moore, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., entitled *The Peoples and Languages of the World*. Its author is a well known minister of our Church, the Rev. A. MacLean Sinclair, of Belfast, P.E.I. This is a very useful manual of ethnology and comparative philology, based upon both scriptural and scientific principles, which Mr. Sinclair does not find discordant. He has evidently read very extensively, and displays much accurate knowledge of statistical and related facts, although, as a rule, he does not cite his authorities. Doubtless he is familiar with the works of A. H. Keane, Latham, Malte-Brun, and Réclus, and has drawn from many other sources. Although the scholars of many lands have done much in the careful examination of physical types, languages, folk-lore, manners and customs, etc., much has yet to be done before a completely satisfactory classification of peoples and their languages is effected. Mr. MacLean Sinclair has had before him in the preparation of his manual the latest dicta of ethnologists and philologists, yet with some of them I cannot agree. His authorities, such as Rawlinson and the older Klaproth, are astray in making the Kurds, Ossetes, Skythians, Phrygians, Mysians, Lydians and