

persons were annually murdered by the troops, but to-day, under wise Christian government life is as safe in Bosnia as in Illinois; travel is safer, because there has never been a train robbery in the country.

It is to the credit of the Turk that his religion makes him a total abstainer, but he makes up by indulgence in coffee, of which some drink a hundred cups a day, and smoke a hundred cigarettes.

In Greece, says our author, what is needed is "not so much men of culture, but men of agriculture." The king himself is served by the field, and the highest civilization is dependent upon the cultivation of the soil. This book is simply indispensable to a correct comprehension of the interesting problem of south-eastern Europe. It has many striking illustrations.

"The Jewish Encyclopedia." Vol. IV. Chazars to Dreyfus Case. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xxii-688. Large 8vo. Price, \$6.00 per vol.

It is remarkable that no other such great work on the religion, history, and biography of any race has been produced by any Church or race as this Jewish Encyclopedia. God's chosen people Israel through the ages have been bitterly persecuted, and their maltreatment by Russia excites daily the indignation of the world. It is another illustration of the vitality and virility of this remarkable people, of their scholarship, their energy and enterprise, and of the enterprise of the great Christian Publishing House which issues this work. All Christendom is interested in the Jew. All the Churches are connected with his faith. Nowhere is this many-sided subject so fully and fairly treated as in this Encyclopedia. An evidence of its thoroughness and up-to-date character is shown in the fact that the Dreyfus case, on which was focused the attention of the world and which is still "a live wire" in French politics, is treated in fifty-six closely printed columns, with several illustrations. Into this space have been condensed the essential facts of this most celebrated trial of modern times. So important do we deem this great work that we have placed it in the hands of an accomplished expert for more adequate treatment in this Magazine and Review.

"The Papers of Pastor Felix" (Arthur John Lockhart). Cincinnati: Jennings & Pye. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 386. Price, \$1.25.

Our readers have long been familiar with the delicate fancy, the grace of diction, the poetic insight, the keen sympathy with nature of "Pastor Felix," a much prized contributor to *The Methodist Magazine and Review*. These qualities are conspicuously shown in this collection of some of his most graceful articles and most touching stories. They are interspersed with fine poetic selections and with some of his own contributions in verse. The nature studies of the varied aspects of the seasons will open new windows to the world without through which many of us walk blindfold. Mr. Lockhart, though for some years a member of the East Maine Methodist Conference, is a Canadian, born in Lockhartville, Nova Scotia. He retains his love for the land of his birth and has won wide recognition in both the United States and Canada as a poet and essayist. We welcome this volume as an important contribution to our international literature. A handsome Canadian edition is published by our Book Room.

"The Souls of the Black Folk." Essays and Sketches. By W. E. Burghardt Du Bois. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii-264. Price, \$1.20 net.

This book is an important contribution to higher literature by a coloured writer. The author is a professor at Atlanta University. His work found its way into high-class magazines, as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *World's Work*, and other leading periodicals. His book is marked by fine literary grace. It is in some respects a cry *de profundis*. The iron of injustice has entered into his soul. He echoes the bitter cry of his coloured kinsmen: "Why did God make me an outcast and a stranger in mine own house? The shadows of the prison-house closed round about us all, walls relentlessly narrow and unscalable to sons of night who must beat unavailing palms against the stone."

He discusses the great race problem which confronts the American people. Education, intellectual, but