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IN AND AROUND THE GRAND CANYON.*

BY THE EDITOR.



HE Grand Canyon of the Colorado in Arizona is one of the few great phenomena of nature that comes up to its reputation. We have crossed the sublimest passes of

the Alps and the Apennines, of the Balkans and the Lebanons, of the Cascades and the Rockies; we have gazed awe-stricken on the wonders of the Yosemite and the Yellowstone, but never have we witnessed aught so stupendous, so overwhelming as the vast chasm worn in countless ages through the painted desert of Arizona by the Colorado River.

The best book on the Grand Canyon is that of George Wharton James, who for many years has made it the subject of special study and exploration. He records his stirring adventures and describes the various trails. The book was in large part written amid the very scenes which he describes, which

"In and Around the Grand Canyon." The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in Arizona. By George Wharton James. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xxiv-346. Price, \$3.00.

The Grand Canyon of Arizona is reached by rail only by way of the Santa Fe route. No other railway approaches it within hundreds of miles. A branch railway runs from Williams sixty-seven miles to the rim of the Canyon.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the publishers for the use of the admirable half-tone engravings which accompany this article.—Ed.



"SHINUMO ALTAR."

gives it a verisimilitude which it could not otherwise possess. It is sumptuously illustrated with one hundred exquisite half-tone pictures.

The first adequate exploration of the Colorado Canyon was made by Major J. W. Powell, of the United States Army. His exploring party exhibited the greatest intrepidity in facing the unknown perils of this mysterious river, with its tremendous cataracts rushing like a mill-race between perpendicular walls. Their boats were overturned, some of them wrecked, and three of their party lost.

The series of tremendous chasms which form the channel of the Colorado River in its course through Northern Arizona reach their cul-