

was now considered as so intimately united that the loss was very mortifying. Perhaps it would have been better, he said, to divide France—he considered one great advantage to consist as I—(*End of Journal.*)

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### BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTES.

THE SCIENCE OF HISTORY AND THE HOPE OF MANKIND. By *Benoy Kumar Sarkar, M.A.* London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1912. Pp. 76. Price, 90c net.

The author is a lecturer in political science at the Bengal National College, Calcutta, and is apparently of Hindu nationality, but the book shows an unusually broad conception of history not commonly found in scholars of Oriental birth. The main tendency of this little book is to show the paramount importance of the world forces for the development of every single nation. Our author says: "The prosperity and adversity, growth and decay, as well as freedom and subjection of each individual community at any time, in one word, the destiny of each nation acts and is acted upon by the conjuncture of all the forces of the universe. And this is created by the international relations of the epoch and indicated by the position of the political and social center of gravity of the world brought about by them. Hence, for a proper understanding of any of the conditions of a single people, it is absolutely necessary to realize the whole situation of the human world at the time, and minutely study the array of world-forces that has been the result of mutual intercourse between the several peoples in social, economic, intellectual, and political matters.... It is impossible that a nation should be able to acquire or preserve freedom and prestige solely on the strength of its own resources in national wealth and character. Every people has to settle its policy and course of action by a careful study of the disposition of the world-forces, and the situation of the political center of gravity at the time." The advance which naturally follows is for every single individual as well as nation to study the world centers and identify his interests with that of humanity. He concludes: "So long as there is one man in this universe capable of opening up new fields and discovering new opportunities by making the necessary modifications and re-arrangements, so long humanity's cause will continue to be broadening from 'precedent to precedent,' and the interests of mankind widening through revolutions and transformations to 'one increasing purpose' with 'the process of the suns.'"

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Mathematicians and people interested in mathematics, especially teachers, will welcome the appearance of *Mathematical Wrinkles* by Samuel I. Jones, professor of mathematics in the Gunter Biblical and Literary College of Gunter, Texas (published by himself at Gunter, Texas, price \$1.25 net). It contains a large collection of arithmetical, algebraical, geometrical and other problems, exercises and recreations, mostly appropriate for high school pupils, collected from many sources with an admixture of some original ones by the author himself. No one will object to finding among them some old well-known puzzles because there is no harm in finding these repeated in several books of the same nature. The book covers 320 pages, not counting the index.