

CHECK LIST of NEW BOOKS

HISTORY

RANCHING WITH ROOSEVELT.

By *Lincoln A. Lang* The J. B. Lippincott Company
\$4 8½ x 5¼; 367 pp. Philadelphia

Mr. Lang is a Scotch-Irishman, and went to Western Dakota as a boy in 1883. What he has to say about Col. Roosevelt's ranching days is seldom new, but his discussion of the rise and ruin of the Bad Land as a cattle country contains valuable contributions to Western history. The book is illustrated, but lacks an index.

THE YANKEE WHALER.

By *Clifford W. Ashley.* The Houghton Mifflin Company
\$20 11 x 8; 379 pp. Boston

Mr. Ashley is a painter who made a whaling voyage as a young man, and has since devoted himself largely to painting whaling ships and scenes. Last Summer the last Yankee whaler went out of service, and now he publishes this superb volume as a sort of memorial to the lost craft. There are many reproductions of his paintings, some in full color and others in black and white. His book is not a formal history of whaling, but rather a sort of encyclopedia of it. At the end he prints an excellent glossary of whaling terms and a bibliography.

FROM MYTH TO REASON.

By *Woodbridge Riley.* D. Appleton and Company
\$2.50 8 x 5; 327 pp. New York

This is a sort of outline of the history of science, and is an excellent book to put into the hands of high-school seniors or college freshmen—or general newspaper readers.

THE THIRD BRITISH EMPIRE.

By *Alfred Zimmern.* The Oxford University Press
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CHAUCER AND THE MEDIEVAL SCIENCES.

By *Walter Clyde Curry.* The Oxford University Press
\$2.50 7¼ x 4¾; 267 pp. New York

A careful study of the state of the physical sciences in the Middle Ages, with special reference to their bearing on Chaucer's writings.

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TURKEY.

By *Arnold J. Toynbee and Kenneth P. Kirkwood.*

Charles Scribner's Sons
\$3 8¾ x 6; 329 pp. New York

Considering the professional standing of the authors, this is perhaps the most authoritative brief history of recent events in Turkey printed to date. They make out a solid case that the so-called Sick Man of Europe is anything but sick, but rather a robust fellow, full of vitality. What they have to say on Turko-Soviet relations is especially illuminating. The Turks, it appears, have been throwing kisses to Moscow for purely material reasons, and not for love. Bolshevism is not to their liking at all: their new constitution "is in strict conformity with traditional Islamic law and customs, and . . . is a distinct denial of any form of Marxianism or Communism. Indeed, the general tenor of the constitution reflects a general national attitude which has no sympathy whatever for Bolshevik ideals."

THE ADVENTURE OF MAN. *A Brief History of the World.*

By *F. Crossfield Happold.* Harcourt, Brace and Company
\$2 8 x 5¼; 241 pp. New York

An excellent book for children in their early teens. The author has selected his material judiciously, and he has put it into simple and clear language.

OLD TOWPATHS.

By *Alvin F. Harlow.* D. Appleton and Company
\$5 8½ x 5½; 403 pp. New York

A very readable, and apparently the first extensive, history of the American Canal Boat Era. Mr. Harlow is not only a diligent historian, but also an able writer, with a sharp eye for the picturesque. There are many photographs and a long bibliography.

THE SCIENCES

THE EARLY MENTAL TRAITS OF THREE HUNDRED GENIUSES.

By *Catharine Morris Cox.* The Stanford University Press
\$5 8¾ x 5½; 842 pp. Palo Alto, Calif.

This is the second of the "Genetic Studies of Genius," edited by Dr. Lewis M. Terman. Dr. Cox and her associates here attempt to establish the IQ's of the men studied, and find that they range from 100 to 200. Their general findings accord with those of other investigators. Genius is mainly hereditary, but

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