Book Notices

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The authors have been prompted by a two-fold purpose in presenting their text to college students: "To lay an adequate foundation for those continuing the study of geography and to serve as a thorough survey of place differences throughout the world for those who will have little or no further contact with college geography." Both aims have been fully realized in a simple yet professional style. All citizenry could, through its study, become more cognizant of the problems and patterns of others which should lead to better understanding of human attitudes and actions.

The presentation consists of a four-part plan: Part I (three chapters), introduces the field and tools used; Part II (fifteen chapters), acquaints the reader with the nature and distribution of the elements of the physical environment; Part III (ten chapters), directs attention to the nature and distribution of the cultural elements; and Part IV (two chapters), presents regional concepts and changing patterns.

Useful material on maps, climate, and population follows in the appendices. Most chapters are followed by chapter outlines, review questions, and suggested references which enterprising teachers and students can use advantageously. Although primarily designed for two semesters, cutting may provide a workable one-semester course.

Attractively arranged, the book contains topographic maps on inside cover pages, nine world maps in full color, and uses a two-column format. Over 450 maps, diagrams, charts, sketches, and photographs should aid greatly in holding student interest. Truly a well-balanced book which should have a good reception.

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