

* * * * "But the Pacific is not for any one nation to take exclusively to itself; and American boasts about domination, besides being irritating to others, are premature. Every one of the world powers has territories in this domain, and interests which it will defend to the best of its ability. Not only has imperial Britain widespread possessions in this ocean world, but it has a merchant marine many times larger than that of the United States, and a far stronger navy; and it has also great and growing children, Canada and Australia, who will have to be taken into account by their American kindred. And there are others to be considered. Both China and Japan, in different ways, have entered into the drama of world politics, which they have already profoundly affected, and on which their further influence is incalculable. With both of these the present relations of the United States exceed in intricacy and in difficulty, when not in actual importance, those with any state in Europe."

The book is timely and well worth while.

The World's Peoples. By A. H. Keane. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1908. 434 pp.)

This is a popular description of the races of the world by a well known ethnologist who has published many important works within the fields of his special researches. The popular and captivating character of the present volume is revealed by the fact that it has two hundred and seventy illustrations from original photographs, gathered from every quarter of the globe.

The firmness with which the author seeks to deal with his large theme may be seen from this sentence in the preface: "This book therefore deals, not with faint probabilities, but with established facts, while here and there opportunity has still been taken to point out, for instance, the obvious origin of such universal institutions as tabu, or the totem, which have given rise to so much mystification on the part of speculators beginning at the wrong end."

There is no doubt that this book will become highly prized, the more it is known. In commenting on Professor Keane's larger work on Ethnology the London Academy says the author "speaks as a first-hand authority of the highest rank."