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He favours a much closer union of the Free Churches along the lines suggested by Dr. Shakespeare. Here some of his Baptist readers will hesitate; and so will some Methodists. Methodist union has not been the unqualified success its advocates confidently predicted. Our own view is that many, but by no means all, Methodists would rather re-unite with the Church of England than go into a united Free Church. All Free Churchmen will, however, agree with Mr. Payne that what they need is leaders who realise that we are standing at one of the major turning-points of history, and who can face the new world with understanding, courage and creative imagination, and think in "global" terms.

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## Shorter Notices.

*The Drum Language of the Lokele Tribe*, by John F. Carrington (*African Studies*, Witwatersrand University Press, Vol. 3, No. 2, June, 1944.)

In our last number we called attention to an important paper by Mr. Carrington on "The Tonal Structure of the Kele Language." Here we have the first fruits of the important studies he has been making in the Drum Language of one of the main tribes in the Yakusu area. It is a fascinating article and shows Mr. Carrington's great gifts for investigation of this kind. It is much to be hoped that the book on African Drums which he is understood to have prepared will soon be made available in this country.

*George Edmonstone, a Great Baptist Benefactor*, by J. A. Allwood (Carey Press, 6d.)

The Baptist Union, the Baptist Missionary Society and the Devon Baptist Association all benefited under the will of Mr. George Edmonstone, who died in 1888. In Devon Mr. Edmonstone's name is still kept green by grants mainly for church extension from the trust fund created out of his bequest. Mr. Allwood has done well to tell the story of his life of service, first under the East India Company and later in Torquay. There will be many who will find interest and inspiration in these pages.