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Current BOOK REVIEWS

HIMAVAT (Diary Leaves): By Nicholas Roerich. Published by Kitabistan, Allahabad. Price: Rs. 9/-.

We do not often get a great book such as this one. Roerich who has adopted India as his homeland and who lives in the Himalayas is possibly the greatest leader of international thought in art and culture. Of this none need dispute. A savant, his cultural outpourings are, I should think, a

part of what he produced appears in this great book. The author has a great deal of sympathy with our country, her culture and civilization. Not merely that. He has been freely espousing our cultural outlook to the world abroad and that is something for which we are today grateful to this great Russian artist. The book is divided into five parts, full of essays on all sorts of subjects on cultural lines. Short, but very thought-provoking are these essays very brilliantly written out. By reading them one not only gets education, enlightenment and information but your soul is taken to bathe in a whirlpool of joy which you don't often get, from reading books. But Roerich can accomplish that miracle. I don't think that I am likely to come across another great book of this kind in this country for a long time yet to come relating to cultural subjects.