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INDIAN LITERATURE AND CIVILISATION.*

"RELIGION and Philosophy," says Sir W. W. Hunter, "have been the great contributions of India to the world." India is the only country inhabited by an Indo-European population, which has created-entirely out of itself and influenced in no way by foreign elements-a religious system which has survived through centuries unassailed, and which counts to this day a greater number of followers than any other creed on the face of the earth.

The people of India have always been, as far back as history reaches, essentially a people of thinkers, and their philosophical and theosophical teachings, enshrined as they are in poetic mysticism, form a glaring contrast to the acute and consequential reasoning of Plato and Aristotle. If beauty of matter and form is the prominent characteristic of the ancient Greek in all his wonderful creations in art and literature, in philosophy and religion; depth of thought and intensity of feeling were, and are to the present day, the telling features of all creations of the Indian genius. Professor Schroeder in the introductory essay to his latest work on Indian Literature and Civilisation compares the people of India in this respect to the Germans, and he emphasizes the various points which these two nations of thinkers have in common. He deducts from the fact that their thoughts run in such very similar grooves, the conclusion that German scholars are peculiarly adapted to enter into the spirit of Indian thought, and we are certainly compelled

to admit the claim he puts forward on behalf of his countrymen to be the most successful pioneers in the field of Indian Lore. Among these pioneers, unpretending as behoves a scholar, Prof. Schroeder himself occupies a very prominent position, and we are certainly at a loss to name another book which for all-round usefulness could claim to be a rival of his latest work. It consists of a series of lectures on the historical development of the Literature and Civilisation of India, delivered at the University of Dorpat, and presents in the impressive form of fifty eloquent academical addresses, a delightfully varied view of Indian civilisation from the time of the Vedas down to the early days of the European invasions. The book is divided into three parts, the first dealing with Indian Antiquity, the Vedic period, the second with the early years of the Mediæval age, giving an historical sketch as well as a general description of the time, and the third with the Mediæval Literature of India. Professor Schroeder claims for the culture of India, in all its various branches,-in science and literature, manners and customs, habits and thoughts,-almost absolute originality, and he is of opinion that the different foreign elements which have in the course of history come into contact with it have left on it but passing traces. In a far higher degree than Ancient Greece, influenced as it was on all sides by its neighbours, Egypt and Phoenicia, Assyria and Persia, and many others, Indian civilisation retained its original characteristics for a thousand years at least, until in fact Alexander the Great poured his forces into the Panjaub. Then, practically for the first time, though in a lesser degree than it was the ambition of that great warrior to accomplish, commenced

^{*} Indiens Literatur und Cultur in historischer Entwickelung. Ein Cyklus von fünfzig Voriesungen zugleich als Handbuch der Indischen Literaturgeschichte, nebst zahlreichen, in deutscher Uebersetzung mitgetheilten Proben aus Indischen Schriftwerken von Dr. L. v. Schroeder. 8vo. pp. vii. and 785. Leipzig, 1887.

the blending of the civilisations of the Orient and the Occident. Greek Culture, that highest ideal of harmony in form and matter, in thought and feeling, here met its only rival, a culture different in its aspirations and conceptions, different in its means and its results, a culture nevertheless complete in its details, grotesquely original and thoroughly human. The defeat of King Poros was the first step towards establishing mutual relations between the sister cultures, but it was fully 200 years before any intercourse of importance was established. By degrees the interest in India and most particularly Indian Literature grew until in the Middle Ages it became in succession the common desire of almost every European country to find the way to that paradise on earth, which is now ruled over by Great Britain. While, says Prof. Schroeder, the one Teutonic people, the English, have subjected India to their rule by force and diplomacy, Germans have joined their Anglo-Saxon cousins in the more

peaceful conquest of Indian Literature. Already the study of Sanskrit, and the other languages of India, ancient and modern, is sufficiently common to necessitate numerous chairs at the various High Schools of the two countries, and separate colleges and institutes devoted exclusively to the study of the Orient have been thrown open and are abundantly attended by students. The ever-increasing value in fact attached to these studies at the present day bids fair to outstrip even that of the knowledge of the Ancient Classics. The time may not be far, when, in addition to Classical and Modern sides, our Public Schools, as well as the Universities, will admit on an equal footing an Oriental course. A book like the one before us well paves the way to such an end, and we can confidently recommend it to all who are anxious to gain a sound and reliable knowledge of India's Literature and Civilisation.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

BUDDHISM AND ISLAM.—Sir William Hunter in his recent address at the Society of Arts made some highly interesting remarks on the characteristic points of Buddhism and Mohammedanism, and the relative value these religions possess for their followers. "For the highest minds Hinduism," he holds, "has a monotheism as pure as, and more philosophical than, the monotheism of Islam. To less elevated thinkers it presents the triune conception of the Deity as the Creator, the Preserver, and the Destroyer, with the deeper doctrine superadded that destruction and reproduction are fundamentally one and the same process. To the materialistic multitude it offers the infinite phases of Divine power as objects of adoration, with calm indifference as to whether they are worshipped as symbols of the unseen Godhead or as bits of tinsel and blocks of wood and stone." "The backward races outside the pale of Hinduism set up a Hindu priest and a Hindu God, and become recognised as low-caste Hindus. The more energetic or more fortunate of the low-castes, within the Hindu pale, gradually raise themselves to higher standards of ceremonial purity. There is therefore a plasticity as well as a rigidity in caste. Its plasticity has enabled Hinduism to adapt itself to widely diverse stages of social progress, and to incorporate the various races which make up the Indian people. Its rigidity has given permanence to the composite body thus formed, for each caste is, in some measure, a trade guild, a mutual insurance society, and a religious sect." "Hinduism not only grows within itself, but it has also the faculty of putting forth outgrowths in the form of new religious orders, or spiritual brotherhoods. Hinduism has, therefore, a twofold power of adapting itself to the needs of each age—by an internal process of incorporation or ad-justment on the basis of caste, and by an external process of throwing off new religious outgrowths or spiritual brother-hoods." As regards Mohammedanism, Sir William Hunter is of opinion that its increase in India during late years may be attributed, in a multitude of cases, to reasons apart from religious convictions. "Hindus," he says, "who have, for one reason or another, lost caste; women who have fallen into an immoral life; men who have abandoned their family faith for the sake of a female of the other creed-these, and such as these, release themselves from the restraints and inconversions religious feeling has no place." Speaking of the natives of Lower Bengal, he observes: "To these poor people Islam came as a revelation from on high. It was the creed of the governing race; its missionaries were men of zeal, who brought the gospel of the unity of God, and the equality of man in His sight, to a despised and neglected population. The initiatory rite rendered relapse impossible, and made the proselyte and his posterity true believers for ever. In this way Islam settled down on the richest alluvial province of India, the province which was capable of supporting the most rapid and densest increase of population. Compulsory conversions are occasionally recorded. But it was not to force that Islam owed its permanent success in Lower Bengal. It appealed to the people, and it derived the great mass of its converts from the poor. It brought in a higher conception of the Deity, and a nobler ideal of the

brotherhood of man. It offered to the teeming low-castes of Eastern Bengal, who had sat for ages abject on the outermost pale of the Hindu community, a free entrance into a new social organisation. It succeeded because it deserved to succeed."

PRATYA SATAKA.—Mr. Nicholas Mendis has sent us from Colombo his translation of Pratya Sataka. made, not according to the Sanskrit original, but from a Sinhalese paraphrase which was published some years ago anonymously. The transliterated text of every stanza is printed immediately over the English version, and every facility is thus afforded to test the accuracy of Mr. Mendis' translation. It appears admirably done, and will be a welcome gift to many scholars. The pamphlet is dedicated to Sir Bruce Lockhardt Burnside, Kt.

SANSKRIT MSS.—Ramkrishna Gopal Bhandarkar, M.A., Ph.D., etc., has issued his report on Sanskrit Manuscripts during the years 1883-84. He says its preparation has taken him two years, and the printing has occupied fifteen months. He proposes in future to publish a classified list available for reference for Sanskrit scholars before the detailed report is ready. During the tour he examined the Libraries at Pàtan, the old capital of Gujarat, and also those at Ahmedabad. These he divides into sixteen classes, consisting of the Vedas, Vedāngas, Grammars, Lexiconan Poetics and Metrics, Mimamsā, Purānas, Law (Religion and Civil), Poems, Plays and Fables, Vedānta, and other systems of Philosophy, Nyāya and Vaiseshika. Astronomy, etc., Medicine, Tāntrika Literature, Art, and Jaina Literature.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.—General Sir A. Cunningham, the Director-General of the Survey, has issued volume 23 of the Archæological Survey of India, by Mr. H. B. W. Garrick, Assistant of the Survey, and a general index volume to the 23 volumes now published, compiled by Mr. Vincent Arthur Smith, B.C.S., etc., with a Glossary and General Table of Contents, which adds much to the value of the work. Volume 23 contains the Report of a Tour in the Panjâb and Råjpûtâna in 1883 and 1884, during which time Mr. Garrick examined the ancient forts at Bhatinda, Sirsár, and Hánsi, with the mosques and monolith of Firúz Sháh Túghlak at Fattehábád. He also secured photographs of the rock-cut inscriptions of Gúpta and a quantity of inscribed data at the old sites of Hánsi and Bairát. He then passed through Amba and Jaipúr (the old and new cities of the Kachhwahas) to Ajmir, where, after halting, he crossed the Indian desert to Nágor or Nágapúri, an ancient site in the Márwár State not till now explored, and which contains some fine temples. In this desert Mr. Garrick found a tribe called Sahárias, said to be of Arabian descent and to get their name from the Desert of Sahára. Of this tribe, and also of that of the Sondhias, an ethnographical account has been prepared in a separate paper. Mr. Garrick then visited Mandor and Jodhpúr, the old and new capitals of Márwár, peopled by the Rahathor refugees from Kanoj; crossing the Aravali Mountains at Komalmir, he descended into Náthdwárá, a very sacred site in the Meywár State, and proceeded to the Great Sisodia Fortress of Chitor, where he took photographs of inscriptions, including that on the Tower of

Victory (Jaya Stambha), which have been incorrectly translated by Tod. The tour extended southwards to Nimach, and terminated at Agra on the 31st of March, 1884. Twentynine old sites have been explored, twenty-eight drawings and photographs taken within limits of the tour, which was through a country in many parts difficult to travel.

SEPOY'S HAND-BOOKS SERIES—We have received two 32mo. pamphlets, by Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Gowan, forming Nos. 1 and 2 of this series. The first is devoted to "The Defensive—Defence of Posts," and the second to "Organization of Working Parties." They ought to prove useful to those "whose task it is to fit the Sepoy of to-day to stand side by side with his British comrade against all foes of her Majesty the Queen-Empress."

THE TRIAL OF MULUK CHAND.—Mr. F. Unwin has published under the title of "A Romance of Criminal Administration in Bengal" an account of the trial of Muluk Chand, for the murder of his daughter, which created a great sensation in India, in 1882. Mr. Manotudhau Ghose, who acted as counsel to the accused on the second trial, has supplied a narrative of the latter part of the trial, and Mr. W. A. Hunter has added a short introduction in which he reflects on some advantages the Indian Criminal Law has in its administration over our own. The little work ought to be widely read among lawyers and Anglo-Indians.

JAPANESE VERBS.—Mr. G. C. Verbeck has prepared a synopsis of all the conjugations of the Japanese verbs, with explanatory text and practical application. It is published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited, of Yokohama. This Synopsis is intended to be a universal parsing table of the verb, not a substitute for any existing Japanese grammar, but as an auxiliary to all of them. After giving tables of the conjugations of the verb, Mr. Verbeck gives specimens of the application of the use of the book by selections from the works of Japanese authors.

QABBALAH.—Mr. Isaac Myer, LL.B., of Philadelphia, is bringing out by subscription an edition of "The Philosophical Writings of Solomon Ben Yehudah Ibn Gebirol, or Avicebron, and their connection with the Hebrew Qabbalah and Sepher haz-Zohar, with remarks upon the origin, antiquity and contents, of the latter; also An Ancient Lodge of Initiates, translated from the Zohar, and an abstract of an essay upon the Chinese Qabbalah, contained in the book called the Yih King; a translation of part of the Mystic Theology of Dionysius, the Areopagite; and an account of the con-struction of the ancient Akkadian and Chaldean Universe, etc., accompanied by diagrams and illustrations." To every person who desires to intelligently understand the origin and hidden meanings in the Old and New Testaments, and the extent of archaic Asiatic metaphysics and philosophy, the study of the Qabbalah, especially its speculative branch, as it has come to us through the Israelites, is of great value and importance. A scientific exposition of the Qabbalah and its origin has not ever been published in America, and many of the learned men do not even know the name, or, if so, do not have any intelligible idea of this system of philosophy; nor of its extent and importance in the history of human thought, religion and cosmogony. With the exception of two books published in England, one by Dr. Christian D. Ginsburg in 1865, and another recently by S. Liddell MacGregor Mathers, more especially upon the Kabbala Denudata of Baron Knorr Von Rosenroth; and a few incomplete and erroneous articles in the encyclopedias or periodicals; not anything upon the subject exists in the English language. Even the spelling is not settled, for we have it as Cabala, Caballa, Cabalah, Kabbala, Kabbala, Kabbalah, Gaballa, Qabalah. Mr. Myer adopted Qabbalah as the nearest and most correct rendering of the pronunciation of the Hebrew word סבלה.

Having for many years given attention to the Qabbalistic philosophy, Mr. Myer thought that at this juncture, when a great wave of occult thought is permeating humanity, a book upon the antiquity and extent of this theosophy and philosophy and subjects pertaining to it might interest the learned investigator of philosophy, and the origins of the universe and religion; and if his humble effort should meet with a favourable reception from a generous learned public, he will follow it with others upon the same theme. The present work more particularly supports the antiquity of the Qabbalah and the Zohar, and the importance of them to all thoughtful students of religion, philosophy, mythology, theosophy, occult science, ancient cosmogony, etc. It will contain many diagrams and engravings. Only 350 copies will be printed on laid paper, in octavo, and 150 copies with large margins, numbered, signed, and uncut, and the forms broken up. It is confidently ex-

pected that the entire edition will be taken up exclusively for subscribers; if not all taken up in America, the balance will be wanted in London.

THE LIBRARY OF DR. A. M. LEDEBOER.—Mr. E. T. Brill, Leiden, Holland, will sell by auction, in May next, the very interesting collection of books of the late Dr. A. M. Ledeboer, author of "Het geslacht der Van Waesberghe, Notices bibliographiques de livres imprimés avant 1525," and of the "Alphabetische lyst van boekdrukkers in Nederland tot den aanvang der 19e eeuw."—The catalogue of this rich library mentions a fine collection of works on bibliography, the art of printing, rare manuscripts, horæ, incunables, and Van Waesberghes, Elzevirs, etc.

VOLAPUK. - The American Philosophical Society have printed the report of a committee appointed October 21st, 1887, to examine into the scientific value of Volapük. This committee, though acknowledging the want of a general medium of intercommunication, which they point out is shown by the Lingua Franca of the Mediterranean, the pigeon-English of the Chinese ports, and other mixed languages, or "jargons," which have arisen out of urgent business needs, think, however, that Volapük does not supply this want. The English language being a jargon of a marked type illustrates what W. von Humboldt remarked early in the century, that from such crossings and mingling of tongues are developed the most sinewy and picturesque examples of human language. In the system of the Rev. Johann Martin Schleyer, the inventor of Volapük, the committee find something to praise and much to condemn, and the result of their deliberations is the opinion that Volapük is not destined to become the universal language; it is in conflict with the development of both the Teutonic and Romance languages, and full of difficulties to the learner. It has retained the impure German modified vowels ä, ö, ü, the guttural German ch, the complex English th. as well as the aspirated h, or rough breathing. It has eight vowels and nineteen consonants, where five vowels and sixteen consonants ought to be sufficient. Various sounds of the Volapük alphabet could not be pronounced by any Aryan nation without special oral training, which the committee consider a fatal defect. It has mechanism that is superfluous, and if any lesson is to be learned from the history of articulate speech, it is precisely the opposite to what the universal language should and must be. Volapük is synthetic and complex, all modern dialects have become more and more analytic and grammatically simple, whilst the formal elements of Volapuk are those long since discarded as out-grown by Aryan speech. The committee conclude by recommending that the task of forming an international tongue should be entrusted to an international committee from the six or seven leading Aryan nationalities. According to Mr. C. N. Caspar, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has published a Bibliography of Works on Volapük, it already possesses a literature of sixty-six volumes and ten periodicals; and five volumes are announced as in the process of the proc press, but singularly enough Mr. C. E. Sprague's "Hand-Book of Volapük, a complete Grammar and Vocabulary," is the only work written in English for the use of Englishmen. There are other works professedly in this connexion, but they are indifferent translations of foreign books on Volapük that cannot be recommended to English students. Notwithstanding the opposition to Volapük it appears to be the best universal language yet invented for commercial purposes, and we think this is fully proved by the wonderful progress it has made since the Rev. J. M. Schleyer gave it to the world. The Committee of the American Philosophical Society find fault with it as a language for speaking, but we are not aware that its inventor intended it for anything but a written one. A universal language easy for all nationalities to read, speak, and write, would be no doubt a great desideratum.

THE FISHERIES AND FISHERY INDUSTRIES OF THE UNITED STATES.—A large quarto volume forming Section II. of the subject, which was to be prepared under the auspices of the Superintendent of the Tenth Census, has just been issued. It consists of nearly 800 pages, and gives a geographical review of the Fisheries industries and fishing communities for the year 1880. It is edited by the Hon. George Brown Goode, the present Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and a staff of associates. Section I., "The Natural History of Useful Aquatic Animals," it will be remembered, was prepared and issued in 1885 by the late Hon. Spencer F. Baird, the U.S. Commissioner of Fisheries, and the present volume was then announced as in preparation under the Census Superintendent, as the statistics required for its compilation had been collected by his Department, and we should presume will

appear as a volume of the Tenth Census, as well as in its present form. The total number of persons employed in the fisheries in 1880, either as fishermen or preparing the products for market, was 131.426, of whom 101.684 were fishermen and the remainder shoresmen. The fishing fleet consisted of 6605 vessels, aggregating 20,8297.082 tons. and 44,804 boats. The total capital invested was \$37,955,349, distributed as follows:—Vessels. \$9,357,282; boats, \$2,465,393; minor apparatus, etc., \$8,145,261; other capital, including shore property, \$17,987,413. The value of the fisheries of the sea, of the great rivers, and great lakes, was \$43,046,053, and those of the minor inland waters was \$1,500,000; in all, \$44,546,053. These values were estimated upon the basis of the prices of the products received by the producers; if the average wholesale prices obtained had been estimated, the value would have been much greater. The fisheries of the New England States are the most important, and the chief fishing ports are Gloucester, Portland, Boston, Princetown, and New Bedford. Next in importance to the New England come the fisheries of the South Atlantic States. Next come the Middle States, and then the Pacific States and Territories. Forty-three distinct fisheries are recognized in America, each being carried on in a special locality and with methods peculiar to itself. The exports of American fish are small, owing to the demand for home consumption, which is constantly increasing, being greater than the supply. The products of the fishery exported to England consist of canned preparations, fresh oysters, and the products of the whale fishery. Large quantities of canned salmon are sent to China, Japan and Australia.

CANADIAN ARCHIVES.—A very important volume of upwards of 660 pages has been published at Ottawa by the Dominion Government as an appendix to the Report of the Minister of Agriculture (1887). It is edited by Douglas Brymner, Archivist, and contains documents relating to Canadian history dating from 1695 to 1784. Mr. Brymner's report to the Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, which precedes the copies of the documents, is an historical account of these archives in the form of an introduction to them. This volume of "Dominion" history ought to be in every colonial Parliamentary Library as showing the rise and progress of a colony which is fast growing into a powerful state dividing the North American Continent with the United States, and possessing the "lion's share" of it.

THE CURRENCY AND THE NATIONAL BANKS OF THE U.S.A .- The Report of the Honble. W. L. Trenholm, the Comptroller of the Currency, for the past year, 1887, is the largest and fullest we have yet seen, as it consists of two volumes containing one thousand four hundred and fifty-nine pages. This Report, which is the twenty-fifth that has been issued, is divided into five sections. The first contains a summary of the state and condition of all the banks from which reports have been received; the second a statement of those closed during the year; the third contains very important suggestions for the amendment of the laws by which the National Bank system may be improved; the fourth is a statement divided under appropriate heads of the resources and liabilities of the banks, banking companies, and savings' banks organized under the laws of the several States and Territories; the fifth contains statistics of the expenses of the Department of the Comptroller of the Currency, salaries of clerks, etc. Notwithstanding the careful supervision exercised by the Currency Department, eight national banks failed during the year, with an aggragate capital of \$1,550,000, and were placed in the hands of receivers. The First National Bank of Pine Bluff, Ark. failed through its President overspeculating in cotton. The Palatka National Bank of Fla. died through inanition, caused by a general stagnation of business in the locality; but in less than sixty days after the appointment of a receiver all its creditors were paid in full, and a balance handed over to an agent of its stockholders. The Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, O., was reduced to insolvency through the unfaithful management of its Directors. The Henrietta National Bank of Texas became involved through the failure of its President and four other directors in the cattle trade; but it paid a dividend of fifty per cent. within sixty days of its suspension. The National Bank of Sumter. closed through the cashier absconding, but probably pay seventy-five per cent. The First National Bank of Danesville, N.Y., was wrecked by its President, who absconded to Canada. The First National of Corry, Pa., was crippled by mismanagement several years ago and never recovered, but struggled on till eighty per cent. of its capital was lost: it is probable it will eventually pay its creditors in full. The Stafford National Bank, Conn., lost

upwards of one hundred thousand dollars by its cashier, who is under arrest: it is probable enough will be realized from the assets to pay the creditors in full.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION .- The Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1885-6, makes its appearance endorsed with the names of two commissioners, the late Hon. John Eaton, who was Commissioner to August 4th, 1886, and the present one, the Hon. H. R. Dawson, who was appointed August 4th, 1886. The present Commissioner says that the preparation of these annual reports has become so increasingly difficult that a revision of the plan on which the future ones are brought out is indispensable, but it will be his object to preserve the spirit and essence of the labour, even if changes in its form have become necessary. The present library of the office of the Bureau of Education contains more than 18,000 volumes and over 50,000 pamphlets, and the Hon. Commissioner asks for an appropriation of one thousand eight hundred dollars for a librarian. The tendency of the work of the Bureau to increase year by year will of course cause an increase in the expense of maintaining it, if it is to be kept up to its present state of efficiency; but the Hon. Commissioner seems to be very moderate in his requisitions for an increased grant. In the present report will be found a summary of the laws on education in the several States and Territories, and besides other items, it contains a list of educational publications, educational periodicals, and an additional list of public libraries to the one in the last report. The letter of Mr. Sheldon Jackson on Alaska is exceedingly interesting, and he says fifty thousand dollars is the smallest amount that Congress ought to appropriate for schools in Alaska, where there are at least one thousand two hundred and fifty children awaiting school-houses and instruction.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.—We have received the Library Bulletin of the University of California, Numbers 8 and 9. The first, No. 8, is by Francis H. Stoddard, A.M., and contains references for students of miracle plays and mysteries, and the second, No. 9, contains a list of printed maps of California.

LIBRARY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—In Bibliographical Contributions edited by Mr. Justin Winsor (Librarian), No. 27, will be found, "A few notes concerning the Records of Harvard College," by Andrew McFarlane Davis, which gives the contents of a missing book of the "Records," said to be volume two of the series. This same number also contains a list of books presented to Harvard College Library by John Harvard, Peter Bulkley, Sir Kenelme Digby, and Governor Bellingham.

THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST.—The Anthropological Society of Washington, D.C., propose to issue a quarterly periodical similar to the one issued by the English Society of the same name, and like it will contain papers read before the Society at its meetings. It will also chronicle all anthropological discoveries and the progress of the science in all countries, besides occasionally containing articles by anthropological investigators not members of the Society. The subscription price will probably be 3 dols. per annum.

THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY. — This society has been established for the study of American Folk-lore, and the issue of a Journal designed for the collection of the fast vanishing remains of Folk-lore in America, namely, Relies of Old English Folk-lore (ballads, tales, superstitions, dialect, etc.); lore of negroes in the Southern States of the Union; lore of the Indian tribes of North America (myths, tales, etc.); lore of French Canada, Mexico, etc., and also for the study of the general subject, and publication of the results of special students in this department. The first number will be issued in June. Mr. W. W. Newell, 175, Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass., is the general editor, and will give full information to applicants for membership.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.—During the meeting of the above Association at New York in August last, the following officers were elected for the Cleveland meeting, which will be held in August next:—President: J. W. Powell, of Washington. Vice-Presidents: A. Mathematics and Astronomy, Ormond Stone, of University of Virginia; B. Physics, A. A. Michelson, of Cleveland; C. Chemistry, C. E. Munroe, of Newport; D. Mechanical Science, Calvin M. Woodward, of St. Louis; E. Geology and Geography, George H. Cook, of New Brunswick; F. Biology, C. V. Riley, of Washington; H. Anthropology, C. C. Abbott, of Trenton; I. Economic Science and Statistics, C. W. Smiley, of Washington. Permanent Secretary: F. W. Putnam, of Cambridge (office, Salem, Mass.). General Secretary: J. C. Arthur, of La Fayette. Secretary of the

Council: C. Leo Mees, of Athens. Secretaries of the Sections:
A. Mathematics and Astronomy, C. L. Doolittle, of Bethlehem; B. Physics, A. L. Kimball, of Baltimore; C. Chemistry, William L. Dudley, of Nashville; D. Mechanical Science, Arthur Beardsley, of Swarthmore; E. Geology and Geography, George H. Williams, of Baltimore; F. Biology, N. L. Britton, of New York; H. Anthropology, Frank Baker, of Washington; I. Economic Science and Statistics, Charles S. Hill, of Washington. Treasurer: William Lilly, of Mauch Chunk. Auditors: Henry Wheatland, of Salem; Thomas Meeban, of Germantown. The Committee recommend that the next meeting be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on the Fourth Wednesday of August, 1888.

THE CATAWBA LANGUAGE.—Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, B.A., Fellow in Modern Languages in University College, Toronto, has issued a Catawba-Siouan vocabulary. This language, which it appears is a branch of the Siouan family, and has also an affinity in certain points to the Choctaw-Muskogee, was spoken by the warlike tribe of the Catawbas, who lived in South Carolina, inhabiting the district south of the Woccons, and the Tuscaroras.

RACE AND LANGUAGE.—In an article which appeared in the Popular Science Monthly for January, 1888, and of which we have a separate impression before us, Mr. Horatio Hale shows what an important part language plays in deciding cases of ethnological classification. He instances the Island of Madagascar as a striking and crucial test of the decisive value of language as an important factor in deciding ethnological origin. Without this test, which proves them to be of Malay origin, they might from their geographical position have been Africans, Arabians, or Dravidians; and so far from having come from a short distance, they must have voyaged three thousand miles to their present home. Mr. Hale read a paper in the Anthropological section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, under the title of "The True Basis of Ethnology." which called forth an interesting discussion, and is the basis of this brochure, with additional facts and arguments, answering some of the questions raised at the meeting of the American Association.

WILSON'S QUARTER CENTURY IN PHOTOGRAPHY.—
From the title of this book a casual reader would suppose that it was the experiences of a photographer for a quarter of a century; but they would be greatly mistaken, as its second title, "A Collection of Hints on Practical Photography, which forms a Complete Text-Book of the Art," explains what it really is. Mr. Edward L. Wilson, the author and compiler, is well known as a thoroughly practical writer on photography, and his "Quarter of a Century" is a valuable addition to the many other books on the subject he has written and edited. It will be an authoritative encyclopedia for many years to come; we have searched for omissions, but find it a very perfect treatise on the art. The agents for Great Britain are Messrs. Percy Lund & Co., of Bradford, Yorkshire, who are well known in the photographic world.

KING'S COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, NOVA SCOTIA.— Probably the oldest Colonial Chartered University is that of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, founded A.D. 1788, of which we have received the Calendar for the academical year 1887-88. Not being a richly-endowed University, gifts of books for the library are duly appreciated.

THE NATIVE WOODS OF AMERICA.—The Hon. Norman J. Colman, U.S. Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued Miscellaneous Special Reports, No. 10 of the Department of Agriculture, by C. D. Dodge, giving an account of American native woods and their uses in manufactures as shown by the exhibit of the United States Department of Agriculture at the "World's Industrial and Cotton Exposition" at New Orleans, La. The Report treats of woods in architecture, in transportation, in implements of industry, in articles relating to trade, in articles for man's physical comfort, in articles for education, culture, or recreation, and in miscellaneous articles.

BI-METALLISM IN EUROPE.—Number 87 of the "Reports of the Consuls of the United States" contains Mr. Edward Atkinson's report, and Doctor Soetbeer's "Materialen" as supplemental to the references made to the precious metals from time to time in the Consular Reports. Dr. Soetbeer's "Materialen" has been translated by Prof. F. W. Taussig of Harvard University, a distinguished scholar and political economist.

THE SERPENT MOUND OF ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.— In the Twenty-first Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, the Curator, Mr. F. W. Putnam, gives an account of his operations in preserving for the benefit of future generations this remarkable work of the

early inhabitants of North America. A few ladies in Boston, Mass., raised the funds which enabled Mr. Putnam to purchase and enclose what will in future be known as the "Serpent Mound and Park." Mr. Putnam says, "About acres of land have been secured on the eastern side of Brush Creek, including the high ridge upon which the long earthwork in the shape of a serpent, with the oval work in front of the serpent's mouth, is situated, the conical mound southeast of the serpent, and the land about, upon which are indications of a village-site and a burial-place. In the south-eastern corner of this lot of land there is a beautiful grove of maples shading two springs, one of which is a "sulphur" spring, and here a spring-house of stone has been built, and picnic ground laid out. A road has been made, leading from the Locust Grove pike* to this picnic ground, and shaded paths will lead from the grove to the conical mound and to the serpent. Over five thousand dollars were raised by the ladies, of which about four thousand were expended for the land and incidental expenses. In order to carry out the proper arrangements in the park and make it what it should be, and properly protect it by fences, fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars more are required. As this is, in every sense, a National Park, in which every American should take an interest, it is to be hoped that the efforts of the ladies of Boston will be seconded by friends in other places, and this small sum soon be secured. The example thus set must bear good fruit, and we can now feel sure that a greater interest than ever before will be taken in the preservation of the ancient monuments of America.

SHAKESPEARE IN FACT AND IN CRITICISM.—Under this title Mr. Appleton Morgan, A.M., LL.B., President of the New York Shakespeare Society, etc., has published a volume which depicts Shakespeare as a tangibility, against the theories of his many modern critics, whose writings tend to relegate him to the company of "William Tell" and "Robin Hood," or to barely leave his name to him, and deprive him of all claim to the works with which it has been so many years connected.

THE MINING INDUSTRIES OF NEW ZEALAND, 1887.—
The Report of the Hon. W. J. M. Larnach, the Minister of Mines for New Zealand, shows an exceptional amount of prosperity in that industry. The comparative earnings per head in agricultural pursuits in the Colony amount to £51 12s. 2d., whilst in the mining it amounts to £106 13s. 5d. Of the Australian Colonies, New Zealand stands third on the list in the production of the precious metals; Queensland coming first with £3 10s. 6d. per head of population; Victoria next with £2 19s. 3d; and New Zealand £1 13s. 7d. Up to March 31, 1887, New Zealand had exported 461\frac{3}{2} tons of gold, representing a value of £43,488,735. There is no means of getting at the quantity and value of the gold used in the Colony for manufacturing purposes. The statistics in this Report show that the mining industry is by no means a languishing one, and that it has opened up various parts of the country, notably of the west coast of the Middle Island, which would not have been settled had it not been for their mineral deposits.

A PSYCHOLOGICAL ROMANCE.—Lotus, a Psychological omance, by the Author of "A New Marguerite" (London: Romance, by the Author of "A New Marguerite George Redway) is one of those novels that it is difficult to tell why they are written, or what purpose they serve. The moral of it is that "God forms souls in halves; when two are fitted they are one-one soul, one particle of Essence, to be absorbed hereafter into the one Great Flood; one perfect Soul is the step to the perfect Life leading to the endless Road." We suppose the book is written to show that the majority of marriages on our earth do not fulfil these conditions. Who doubts it? If any one does, let them wade through this prosy history of a fashionable or worldly courtship. them follow the hero through his psychological adventures, through his hideous experiences, written apparently in imita-tion of Edgar Allan Poe's style, but without his genius. They will find that after losing his first love and proper half, he forms another worldly attachment, dies on his wedding-day (evidently of heart disease), and joins his real partner to journey on the "endless road," etc. The work is written apparently in the interests of that modern invention called "Esoteric Buddhism."

THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMP.—Sir Rowland Hill has got a statue for his advocacy of cheap postage, although he had not the remotest idea of how it could be successfully carried out; but the intelligent Dundee bookseller, James Chalmers, who by inventing the adhesive postage stamp

[·] The nearest points by railway are Peebles and Hillsborough.

rendered cheap postage possible, has had no such recognition. Surely his townsmen of Dundee could form a committee and raise sufficient funds to erect a statue to him there. In London a site might be found on the Victoria Embankment, somewhere near the spot where the statue of Robert Burns stands, which Mr. J. G. Crawford so generously presented to London. A penny subscription would be a very suitable one to raise the money for a statue to a man who ranks second to none as a benefactor to his species, and there is no reason why it should not be international.

IN PRAISE OF ALE.—Mr. W. T. Marchant has compiled a very interesting and curious volume in praise of the national beverage of England, consisting of songs, ballads, epigrams, and anecdotes relating to beer, malt, and hops; with some curious particulars about ale-wives, brewers, drinking-clubs, and customs. There is no lack of literature relating to the subject, if we may judge by the volume before us, which consists of over 600 pages, and is published by Mr. George Redway, York Street, Covent Garden. The poet Milton said that barley belonged to the Goddess Ceres rather than to the drunken god Bacchus, and Phillips, a classical scholar, wrote in the same strain in his "Cerelia." It has been said, "A quart of ale is a dish for a king," and it is on record that Queen Elizabeth and the ladies of her court allowed themselves a quart of ale each for breakfast, and there are, no doubt, physicians who would say that it would do any one less harm than a quart of tea. Before tea and coffee were introduced into England from abroad, ale was the general breakfast beverage; Charles Lamb relates that even as late as his time

the scholars at Christ's Hospital had small beer for breakfast, and it usually had a leathery flavour from the bottles it was kept in.—Whilst on the subject of beer, we may mention a book by a Mr. Death published not long since, entitled "The Beer of the Bible," which is interesting both historically and professionally; it treats of beer from the time of the Egyptians, and being by a practical brewer, it contains much matter of interest to brewers which its title would not lead any one to suspect.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—Harper's Monthly Magazine, January.—Harper's Young People, January.—Proceedings of the Canadian Institute, Third Series, Vol. 5, Fasc I.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines and Water Supply. Victoria, 1886, to the Hon. Duncan Gillies, M. P., Minister of Mines.—The China Review, Vol. 16, Nos. 1 and 2.—The Herald (devoted to Spelling Reform), Toronto, Canada, October.—Babylonian and Oriental Record, Vol. 2, Nos. 1 and 2.—Bulletin of the Boston Public Library, Vol. 7, No. 4.—Harvard University Bulletin, October. 1887.—Johns Hopkins University Circulars, November, 1887.—Journal of the China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, January. 1888.—Revista Biblioteche, ed. Dr. Guido Biagi, January and February, 1888.—Babylonian and Oriental Record, March, 1888.—Commerce and Navigation of the United States, 1887.—Journal of the Baconian Society, April, 1888.—The West American Scientist. San Diego, Cal., August, 1887.—The Bookworm, April, 1888.—Bibliographical Contributions of the Library of Harvard University, Numbers 27, 28, and 29.

In Memoriam.

EDWARDS.—We deeply regret to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Thomas Howells Edwards, late a member of the firm of Trübner and Company, which took place on the 13th of February. Mr. Edwards, whose family were of Welsh descent, was the eldest son of an outfitter in Newgate Street, London, and his mother was the daughter of a farmer in Shropshire. He was born in Newgate Street on the 4th of September, 1833, and was consequently in his fifty-fifth year. He first entered the book trade as an apprentice in the publishing house of Messrs. Partridge and Oakey, of Paternoster Row, and after becoming their book-keeper, he remained with them until their business was wound up, in which he assisted the accountants who were appointed for that purpose. He afterwards entered the establishment of Mr. David Nutt, the well-known foreign bookseller of of 270, Strand, in 1855, as book-keeper, and remained with that gentleman till his death in 1863, after which he managed the business for three years under the executors. He was then engaged by Mr. Edward Stanford, the geographical publisher, of Charing Cross, and he remained with him as chief of his counting house for two years and a half, when he left him to accept the position of book-keeper and confidential clerk to the

late Mr. Nicholas Trübner. About this time Mr. Trübner contemplated leaving Paternoster Row and building new premises at 57 and 59. Ludgate Hill, the present location of the firm; and during the building operations Mr. Edwards was able to render great assistance to his chief in constantly superintending the works and seeing that his wishes were carried out. Later on Mr. Trübner took him into partnership, and for some time after that gentleman's death in 1884 he carried on the business in conjunction with Mr. Trübner's other partner and executor, Mr. F. Duffing, who is still the acting partner. More than eighteen months ago Mr. Edwards' health began to fail, and about nine months since he retired to Godalming. Surrey, in the hope that the healthy pine lands of that county might restore it; this hope at first seemed likely to be realized, but in January last he had a relapse, and in February he died. Mr. Edwards was twice married, but had no family by his first wife; he leaves a widow and a son and daughter, both young children. He will be sincerely regretted by the members of the book trade, most of whom knew him personally, and it is unnecessary to say that to his family and private friends his loss leaves a void which cannot be filled.

ALCOTT.—Mr. Amos Bronson Alcott, the well-known educational writer and philosopher, died on Sunday, March the 4th, 1888. He was born at Wolcott, Ct., Nov. 29, 1799. He first started when a boy as a pedlar, in Virginia, and on returning to Connecticut, he taught in an infant school. In 1828 he went to settle in Boston, where he acquired a reputation as a teacher of young children at the Masonic Temple. A history of his educational labours in Boston will be found in "Records of a School," by E. P. Peabody, Boston, 1834. Mr. Alcott afterwards removed to Concord, Mass., where he resided some years. In 1842 he joined his friends Messrs. H. G. Wright and Charles Lane, who had returned with him from England where he had been on a visit, in a communistic experiment on a farm called "Fruitlands," which Mr. Lane purchased at Harvard, Mass., but the scheme did not answer, and Messrs. Wright and Lane returned to England. After the collapse of the Harvard community, Mr. Alcott removed to Boston, in which city and in the villages round it he was always ready to expound his views on education, diet, and other social questions.

ALCOTT.-Miss Louise Alcott, authoress of "Little Women," "Good Wives," "Little Men," and other well-known excellent books for young people, died on Tuesday, March the 6th, through cold and prostration brought on by the death of her father, Mr. Amos Bronson Alcott.

BADGER.—The death is announced of Dr. Percy Badger author of the English-Arabic Lexicon, 1881. Dr. Badger was well acquainted with the Syrian Arabic of the present day, having laboured for many years as a missionary in the East, in connection with which he wrote a valuable book on the history of "The Nestorians and their Literature."

BARNES.—Mr. Alfred Smith Barnes, the honoured founder and senior member of the firm of A. S. Barnes and Co., publishers, established in 1838, died at his residence in Brooklyn, on February 17th, in his 72nd year.

FLEISCHER.—Professor Doctor Heinrich L. Fleischer, who died on the 16th of February last, was born in Schandau in Saxony on the 21st of February, 1801. He commenced his University studies as a theologian at Leipzig in 1819, but soon devoted himself to Oriental languages, which he afterwards studied under De Sacy and Caussin de Perceval in Paris. On his return home to Dresden, he was appointed to the staff of the Kreuzschule, and whilst here he was invited in 1835 to take a Professorship of Persian in St. Petersburg; but Professor Rosenmüller dying at this juncture, his own University at Leipzig was able to offer him the Professorship of Arabic, Persian, and Turkish, which he retained up to the year 1887, when he retired from University work. He either edited or assisted in editing the following:—"Abulfeda's Historia Ante-Islamitica," Arabic and Latin, 1831; "Ali's

One Hundred Proverbs," Arabic and Persian, 1837; "Baidhawi's Sāyana of the Koran," 1844-48; "Samakhshari's Golden Necklaces." German translation; "Mirza Mohammed Ibrahim's Persian Grammar," German translation; "Habicht's Arabian Nights," Arabic text, left unfinished by the editor. He also contributed matter to Levy's Talmudic Dictionary and Muhlau and Volck's Gesenius's Hebrew Lexicon.

GRAY.-We much regret to have to record the death of Professor Doctor Asa Gray, who had a world-wide reputation as a botanist. It occurred from paralysis on the 30th of January last at Cambridge, Mass., shortly after his return from Washington, D.C., where he had been to assist in the election of a Secretary to the Smithsonian Institution, of which he of a Secretary to the Smithsonian Institution, of which he was a Regent. Dr. Gray was born at Paris, in the State of New York, on Nov. 18, 1810, and graduated as M.D. at Fairfield Medical College, in 1831. In 1842 he became Fisher Professor of Natural History in Harvard University, and commenced his long career of successful teaching. In his private life Dr. Gray was beloved for his genial and kindly disposition and true simplicity of character: he will be sincerely regretted by many friends on both sides of the sincerely regretted by many friends on both sides of the Atlantic. He was a very prolific writer, and frequently contributed articles to the scientific periodicals of the day, especially to the "American Journal of Science," of which he was one of the editors. Amongst his more important works we may mention the following: "A Flora of North America (never completed), in which he was assisted by the late Dr. John Torrey; "The Botany of the United States Exploring Expedition under Captain Wilkes," "The Botany of California," in Whitney's Geological Survey of that State, and he some time since published a "Synoptical Flora of North America -Gamopetalæ," intended as a continuation of "The Flora of North America -Gamopetalæ," intended as a continuation of "The Flora of North America." He also compiled a "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States, arranged according to the Natural System." In 1876 he published a volume entitled "Darwiniana, and Essays and Reviews pertaining to Darwinism," in which he showed how well plant life illustrated the Darwinian theory of evolution, with the author of which he was in correspondence, many of his letters being in the Life of Mr. Darwin by his son, Mr. Francis Darwin. During his busy life Dr. Gray managed to find time to provide During his busy life Dr. Gray managed of including as is shown excellent elementary books for botanical students, as is shown by his "Lessons in Botany," "How Plants Grow." "How Plants Grow." "How Plants Grow." "Intro-Plants Behave," "Field, Forest, and Garden Botany," "Introduction to Structural and Systematic Botany and Vegetable Physiology," this latter being a fifth edition of the "Botanical Text Book." "Natural Science and Religion" was the title of a volume published in 1880, showing that religion and modern discoveries are not irreconcilable. In the summer and autumn of 1887 Dr. Gray paid what he told us would be, and what proved to be, his last visit to Europe, and returned home at the end of September to recommence his work at Harvard.

HEARN.—The news has arrived from Australia of the death of the Hon. W. E. Hearn, M.L.C., LL.D. Dr. William Edward Hearn is best known in England by his books "The Aryan Household," "A Constitutional History of England, "Plutology or the Science of Wealth," and "Legal Duties and Rights." He was born in 1826 at Belturbet, in the county of Cavan, Ireland, his father having been Vicar of Killague in that county. He received his early education at the Royal School of Enniskillen, and afterwards graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, and studied law under Judge Longfield, Professor of Feudal and English Law. After holding a Professorship of Greek for some years in Queen's College, Dublin, he was appointed in 1854 Professor of "History," "Logic," and "Political Economy" in the University of Melbourne, which he held till 1873, when he became Dean of the Faculty of Law, and having resigned his Professorship, he was eligible for the Legislature, and became a member of the Upper House, or Legislative Council of Victoria. Dr. Hearn showed his legal ability by codifying the English and Colonial Statutes, a work of great labour and erudition, on which he had been engaged for a number of years. As a jurist Dr. Hearn was second to very few, but at the same time he was not only clever at law, but such was the versatility of his genius, that it is said he was capable of filling any chair in the University, and in fact did fill the Professorship of Classics till a successor could be found to Prof. Irving, when he resigned his appointment at Melbourne.

JUDD.—The Hon. W. David Judd, the president of the O. Judd Company, and Manager of the American Agricul-

turist, died of pneumonia in New York City on February the 6th. Mr. Judd was born at Lewiston, Niagara County, N.Y., on Sept. Ist, 1838. His father was one of those who went to Kansas to oppose the extension of slavery; but he did not long survive his migration, and the family returned to Stockport, N.Y., where he had been living, bringing his body back with them. Mr. Judd was educated in private schools in New York, Massachusetts and Ohio, and after he graduated in Williams' College, Mass. (1860), he entered upon a career of journalism. When the civil war broke out, he entered the 22nd Regiment of New York volunteers, and acted as representative correspondent of the New York Times and other journals on the field. He was taken prisoner three times during the war, and each time succeeded in escaping. He was commissioned by Governor Seymour as a Captain in the First New York Cavalry, in recognition of the editorial staff of the Commercial Advertiser for about seven years, he became editor and part proprietor of Hearth and Home, which was then published by the O. Judd Company. Mr. Judd represented Richmond County (Staten Island) in the Legislature of his State for some time, and introduced several useful bills, one of which, called the Judd Jury Bill, provides that any one can act as juror after forming an opinion of the guilt or innocence of a prisoner if he has no present bias against him.

MAINE .- We regret to record the death of Sir Henry James Sumner Maine, the eminent jurist, which took place at Cannes on Friday evening, February the 3rd, from apoplexy. He left England a short time ago for a period of relaxation on the Riviera in the company of his friend Lord Acton, hoping to recruit his health, but death suddenly overtook him in his 66th year when in possession of all his faculties. He was born in 1822, and was the son of Dr. James Maine, M.D., of the midland counties. He commenced his studies at Christ's Hospital, and completed them at Pembroke College, Cambridge. His University career was particularly brilliant; he won prize after prize, and in 1847, at the age of 25, he was appointed Regius Professor of Civil Law at Trinity College. appointed Regius Professor of Civil Law at Trinity College. In 1850 he was called to the Bar, and was a member both of the Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn. In 1854 he relinquished his post at Cambridge to become Reader in Jurisprudence at the Middle Temple, and in 1873 he was elected a Bencher of the same Inn. From 1847 to 1861 he was engaged in teaching and expounding Civil Law, and during this time, in 1856, he published his "Essay on Roman Law and Legal Education," which appeared in the "Cambridge Essays." This work and various contributions on jurisprudence to periodicals in the form of reviews, etc., conprudence to periodicals in the form of reviews, etc., stituted his literary labours until 1861, when his celebrated work on "Ancient Law" appeared, a work sufficient to make the reputation of any jurist. In 1862 Mr. Maine was appointed Legal Member of the Council of the Governor General of India, an office previously filled by Macaulay and many distinguished men. His services were specially directed in carrying out the reforms in the land-tenures of India which came into being during the Viceroyalty of Lord Lawrence, and when his term of service in India was ended, he was appointed in 1871 K.C.S.I, and a member of the Council of the Secretary of State for India, in which latter capacity he has served his country through many difficult and critical epochs. For some time after his return to England from 1871 to 1878 he held the Corpus Professorship of Jurisprudence in Oxford University, which was really created for him, and whilst occupying that Chair, he delivered several series of lectures, and amongst them "Village Communities," "Early History of Institutions," and "Dissertations on Early Law and Custom." In 1875 Sir Henry Maine delivered the Rede Lecture at Cambridge, making his subject "The Effects of Observation of India on Modern European Thought," and in 1878 he delivered a public lecture on " Modern Theories of Succession to Property after Death, and the Corrections of them suggested by Recent Researches. He projected and to some extent prepared a work on "International Law" as a companion to his work on "Ancient Law" before he went to India, but the manuscript could not be found on his return to England, and he had to prepare an entirely new work on the subject. Sir Henry Maine in 1849 married his cousin, a daughter of Mr. Geo. Maine, of Kelso, by whom he had three children, a daughter and two sons; his daughter died young, but his widow and two sons survive him.

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