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THE ARABIAN NIGHTS.*

OF all works of Oriental fiction none has aroused so much curiosity in the Western World, none has been so frequently studied, and none has had so far-reaching an influence on the literatures of Europe as have the tales of old Arabia called the Arabian Nights. They alone have become the very property of the people of Europe; they alone are interwoven with legends of our own, engraven on the minds of the masses, and the subject of much imaginative speculation on the part of the young. "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" is as familiar to us as are the "Babes in the Wood." Haran al Rashid's Court is as well known and is fancied with as much fairy splendour as is the palace where Cinderella lost her slipper. Curiously enough hardly anything is known of the origin of this wonderful book, and even the time of its composition has been the subject of much vague speculation. Galland's French translation, which was published in the early part of last century, even contains several tales of which no Arabic original has hitherto come to light. Among these are: "The Roused Sleeper," "Alâ-al-din, or the Wonderful Lamp," "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," "The Two Sisters who were jealous of their younger sister," and many others. They are contained in none of the existing editions, neither in Habicht's, nor in those published in Egypt and Calcutta, nor even in any of the collections of MSS. examined by different scholars who have made researches for them. All sorts of possibilities have been suggested as to where Galland could have got

them from, and some have gone so far as to suggest that they were productions of his own lively imagination. It was more reasonable, of course, to suppose that they were translated from some volume possessed by Galland, which was lost after his death, although the researches of men like C. Caussin de Percival, J. de Hammer, Reinaud, Loiseleur Deslongchamps, at the Bibliothèque Nationale had led to no actual clue.

M. H. Zotenberg has recently set forth in the "Notices et Extraits des Manuscrits publiés par l'Académie des Inscriptions" the results of his researches in this direction, which have apparently been infinitely more successful than the attempts of his predecessors. A MS. of the "Arabian Nights," recently acquired by the Bibliothèque Nationale, appears to throw an entirely new light upon the question. It not only gives account of the missing tales, but it also proves the original to be far older than has been generally accepted. Instead of being a work, as many supposed, committed to writing for the first time in the 17th century, his sources prove incontestably that the book was written down certainly not later than the 14th century, and possibly earlier. M. Zotenberg also gives the Arabic text of the Story of "Alâ-al-Din, or the Wonderful Lamp," and adds in an appendix Galland's version of the story of the two jealous sisters and another about the sons of the Sultan of Samarcand, both of which are in Galland's quaint, not very grammatical French, and the latter of these two never having been printed before. The whole has now been issued separately, and it forms a handsome royal octavo volume.

The essay on the known MSS. and editions of the "Arabian

* Histoire d'Alâ al Din ou la lampe merveilleuse. Texte Arabe publié avec une notice sur quelques Manuscrits des Mille et une nuits par H. Zotenberg. 8vo, Paris, 1888.

Nights" and their different translations into European languages is particularly lucid, and M. Zotenberg has ably mastered an enormous mass of literature which has sprung from the questions of authorship, date, genuineness, interpretation, etc., of the different stories. Sir Richard Burton, the inimitable translator of "The Thousand Nights and One Night," dwelt in a recent article in the "Academy" upon the great importance of M. Zotenberg's discoveries, and there can be no doubt that we have up to now held very erroneous opinions about the book. The present work throws an entirely new light upon the question and the small edition (150 copies) reprinted from the Transactions

of the "Académie des Inscriptions" will no doubt be rapidly snatched up by those interested in the subject. It would lead us too far were we to enter minutely into the various reasonings and deductions of the author, suffice it to say that they betray throughout keen insight and most painstaking research. Not the least of his merits, however, is the trouble he has taken to find in the folk-tales of other people traces of the stories he is dealing with, and his book will therefore recommend itself to Folk-lorists as well as to Arabic scholars and those who take an interest in all that is written on what may well be styled the greatest story-book in the world.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

NORTHERN BUDDHIST MSS. AT CAMBRIDGE.—The University Library of Cambridge has lately secured a valuable collection of Sanskrit MSS. from Nepal, illustrating the history and doctrines of Northern Buddhism. It is well known that the sacred books of Northern Buddhism, as current in Tibet, Tartary, and China, are translations from the original Sanskrit books, now found only in Nepal; these works are therefore of the same paramount importance for that branch of the Buddhist religion as the Pali works are for the Southern branch, as found in Ceylon, Burmah, and Siam. These Northern Sanskrit MSS. were first brought to light by Mr. Brian Hodgson, the British Resident in Nepal. He presented, between 1824 and 1839, some fifty Sanskrit MSS. to the Asiatic Society in Calcutta, and, in 1835 and 1836, some seventy more to the Royal Asiatic Society in London. In 1837, he also sent eighty-eight to the Société Asiatique, besides sixty which were originally given to Burnouf, but are now in the Bibliothèque Nationale. In England this munificent gift was received with apathy, and the MSS. in London were only catalogued last year. In Paris, however, Burnouf devoted the later years of his indefatigable life of research to investigating the newly-opened mine of Buddhist learning; and his "Introduction" and "Lotus de la bonne Loi" show what diligent use he had made of his materials and how much we lost by his sudden death in the midst of his labours. The collection of MSS. just secured by Cambridge was made by Dr. D. Wright, while lately living in Nepal as the medical officer attached to the Residency. It contains some 300 MSS., and probably embraces nearly all the extant Sanskrit literature of Northern Buddhism. One of the main features of the collection is the great antiquity of some of the MSS. All the older MSS. are on palm leaves, and many of them are dated in the Nepalese era or Samvat, which commences A.D. 880. The three especial treasures of the collection, in point of age, are two copies of the *Ashtasahasriká*, which are respectively dated in the third and fifth years of the Nepalese era, corresponding to A.D. 883 and 885; and a copy of the *Kavya-Kāṇḍa-Kramávali*, dated in the tenth year, i.e. A.D. 890. Besides these, there is a copy of the *Ashtasahasriká*, dated A.D. 1008; and from this date forwards there is a continuous series of MSS. illustrating the writing of each successive century down to the present time. One great value of these MSS., therefore, consists in the fact that they are in so many instances not merely modern copies, but undoubtedly ancient transcripts, which have been preserved intact for ages in the secluded valleys of Nepal. They will, therefore, be of the utmost importance for future editors or translators of Northern Buddhist texts. Thus the *Kāraṇḍa-vyúha* has its poetical version represented by two good MSS., and its prose version by five; while Burnouf expressly says of the Paris MS. of the latter, that it was too incorrect for him to attempt to translate it, and therefore he contented himself by giving an analysis of the more modern poetical version. There are also fine old copies of the *Avadána S'ataka*, the *Mahāvastu*, and the "nine dharmas,"—we may especially notice a huge copy, in five volumes, of the large edition of the *Prajñá-páramitá* in 100,000 articles (besides a second imperfect MS.), as well as copies of the smaller editions in 25,000 and 8000. The Tantra literature is especially well represented, and among other names we may mention the *Kála-chakra* and the *Arya-Manjus'ri-mula-tantra*, the historical importance of both which works Burnouf has especially dwelt upon (from Csoma di Körösi's analyses in his Tibetan Catalogue), adding, however, the words, "mais que nous possédons malheureusement pas à Paris." But one of the greatest treasures of the collection is a fine copy, dated A.D. 1551, of *Yas'o-*

mitra's Commentary on Vasubandhu's *Abhidharma-kośa*. Burnouf calls this work, "cette inépuisable mine de renseignements précieux sur la partie spéculative du Bouddhisme." There is a MS. of it at Paris as well as at Calcutta, but both are far too incorrect to serve as the basis of an edition; the present MS. is written in a peculiar handwriting, but it appears to be transcribed with the greatest accuracy and care. The work seems to be very scarce, even in Nepal, and the pundit made a copy for himself before he would consent to part with it. The Commentary is called *Sphuṭārtha-abhidharma-kośa-vyākhyá*. Wilson wrote, in 1856, of the MS. treasures discovered by Mr. Hodgson, that "the books in the Royal Asiatic Society's possession have done little more than repose in dust and oblivion upon the shelves where they were originally deposited." It is to be hoped that Cambridge may make a better use of her new treasures, and that some young scholar with long years of happy toil before him may immortalize himself as the English Burnouf.—*Athenæum*.

THE HISTORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, from Official Records, edited by G. B. Barton, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, and issued by authority of the New South Wales Government, is about to be published as a Monument of the Centenary of the Colony. The book ought to interest every Englishman, and no library can possibly be complete without a work which records the growth and development of one of the finest commonwealths seafaring Englishmen have created. The first volume of this work treats of the history of colonization in New South Wales from 1783 to 1792, and includes the administration of the first Governor, Arthur Phillip. The subsequent volumes will comprise the history of the colony to the present time, and will include the history of the other Australian colonies down to the introduction of Parliamentary Government in each. Each volume will comprise the term of a Governor's administration, usually six years; and will contain the history of the colony as it appears in the official records, preserved in the Record Offices in Sydney and London. The valuable collection of original letters and other documents relating to the colony, made by Sir Joseph Banks during his lifetime, and recently acquired by the Government of the colony, have also furnished the author with important material. The appendix to the first volume will contain a large amount of matter taken from the records and other sources, of great literary and historical interest. The Bibliography of Terra Australis, New Holland, and New South Wales from the earliest times to the year 1820 will also be published in an Appendix, and the work throughout will be accompanied by numerous maps and portraits.

HYMNS FROM THE RIGVEDA (Edited with Sayana's Commentary, Notes and a Translation by Peter Peterson, M.A. Bombay, 1888).

After editing in an admirable way the *Hitopadesa* Prof. Peterson has now issued for the use of students of the University of Bombay those hymns from the *Rigveda* which are appointed to be read by candidates for the degree of B.A. The text is printed according to Hillebrandt, and in such a way as to bring their true metrical character before the eye. This may occasion some difficulty at the end of a line, in cases where the original editors of the collection have written as one syllable what is really two, of which one belongs metrically to the one line, and the other to the next; a difficulty, however, which will be easily mastered by the student if in reading or learning the hymns by heart he be taught to restore to the letters *y* and *v* their vocalic character. The text of the hymns occupies altogether fifty pages, and is followed by the Pada text with Sayana's Commentary and a translation.

The Commentary of Sayana is given generally according to the *editio princeps*, although occasionally the editor deviates from it. These cases are carefully registered, and their authorities cited. Throughout the work the editor has conscientiously collated the MSS. he had at his disposal, and it is only in very few cases that he is able to improve upon Prof. Max Müller's text. In an appendix Prof. Whitney's explanation of the accents in the Rigveda is given, which will no doubt be of great use to beginners. The book will recommend itself for introduction everywhere, and ought certainly to become a text-book also for home examinations.

TRAVELS IN INDIA.—Prof. De Gubernatis has lately given to the world three volumes of travels under the common name of *Peregrinazioni Indiane*.^{*} Each volume forms a work in itself; the first is devoted to Central India, the second to Southern India and Ceylon, and the third to Bengal, Pengad, and Cashmer. The author is a savant of the first class, and an Orientalist so well known that travels written by his hand must offer an interest above the relations of ordinary travellers; it may be said that the expectation of the reader is not disappointed. The learned Professor undertook these travels with a real Italian enthusiasm for the marvels of the East. As he tells us himself, his Oriental studies awoke in his heart a strong sympathy for all Eastern populations, especially for the Hindus, who have preserved so many remains from our Aryan ancestors. He, however, started without preconceived ideas, and without any other motive but to see and learn. That is how we get a work in which Indian antiquities are examined by a conscientious and careful antiquary, and the uses and customs of the people described by an independent and unbiassed observer. Italians cannot be supposed to entertain any political designs on India; the Professor, who is as well disposed towards the natives as towards their English rulers, gives often good advice, which might be followed with advantage. He notices, for instance, that the Hindus are eager to receive the Western civilization, and to accept the guidance of England; they only require to be treated with a little consideration to become devoted citizens of the great British Empire. This, as the author remarks, appears to be understood by the highest officials; but the lower we go down in the hierarchy, the greater seems to be the contempt shown for the natives by the government English officials. The supposed inferiority of the natives is, according to the author, entirely due to the way in which they are treated. In the course of his journey, Prof. De Gubernatis met many learned and influential natives, always ready and even anxious to give him information about antiquities and other remains, about the customs, and the moral state and social condition of the people; sometimes he entered into discussion with them, and his observations were always received with deference; either because there really exists, as the author supposes, a kind of sympathy between Indians and Italians, or, what seems more natural, but not suggested by excess of modesty, because the genial and gracious manners of the traveller inspired confidence in all who met him; he was everywhere and by every one well received, and the friendly intercourse resulting from this sympathy enabled him to gather much information, which no official inquiry could bring to light. All those who have anything to do with India ought therefore to consult these three volumes, which contain a truthful picture of India and the Indian people as they are now. In concluding we may only regret that the publisher has not seen his way to illustrate the work better; it would certainly increase the value of these interesting travels.—G. BERTIN.

SINHALESE GRAMMAR.—Mr. Abraham Mendis Gunasékara announces a new and comprehensive Grammar of the Sinhalese Language for European Students. The work is being printed at the Colombo Government Press, and will be issued to subscribers at 10s. by Messrs. Trübner & Co.

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."—We have received a Hindi translation of the Merchant of Venice, printed in Benares, and dedicated by the Authoress, "Âryâ," to Sir Edwin Arnold, who has added the following preface to the book. "The Authoress of the subjoined Translation of Shakespeare's famous play, 'The Merchant of Venice,' has desired that I should introduce her work by a few prefatory words to the Indian public for whom it is designed. I am not sufficiently proficient in the Hindi which she has chosen for the language of her version to speak with any great authority; but I have compared many passages of the manuscript forwarded, and especially the dialogue of the

second scene, with the original, and it appears, as far as I can judge, a faithful prose transcript. Of course such a transcript cannot reproduce the character of Shakespeare's majestic verse, nor give more than the general meaning of his play; but even this may prove of considerable service to a Hindu student reading the play, who will often be assisted towards a better comprehension of the English text by the simple exposition which is here afforded. The lady who has achieved this labour for the assistance of her countrymen is to my knowledge an accomplished mistress of English, and almost always understands her immortal Author; although she has naturally found it very difficult to paraphrase in Hindi some of his expressions and terms of thought. But it seems to my imperfect judgment that she has succeeded in this task quite as well as could be expected. I think she might, indeed very fairly prefix to her translation her own passage,

'Mistake me not for my complexion,
The shadow'd livery of the burnish'd sun,
To whom I am a neighbour, and near bred.'

Truly, as an effort towards popularizing Shakespeare in India, this publication seems to me praiseworthy and deeply interesting."

ARTISTIC JAPAN.—A monthly Illustrated Journal of Arts and Industries. (Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, Limited, Fetter Lane).—We mentioned the first number of this charming monthly periodical in our last issue. It is compiled by Mr. S. Bing, with the assistance of other French gentlemen; this English edition is under the editorship of Mr. Marcus B. Huish. The plates of textile fabrics, bronzes, birds, and flowers which this periodical contains open up quite a new field in applied arts from the repertoires of this singularly gifted people. Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 have now reached us, and they fully sustain the remarkable standard of excellence which we had the pleasure of referring to on a previous occasion. Number 5 contains an article by Mr. L. Falize on "Jeweller's Work," and Number 6 one on "A Travelling Writing-set," by E. de Goncourt, and both are adorned by a large number of exquisite plates and illustrations in the best Japanese style.

TURKISH GRAMMAR.—We have received from the Mûktataf Printing Office, Cairo, a pamphlet of a proposed scheme for a new Turkish Grammar, together with a method of transcribing that language into the Latin character by Harold L. T. Lyon, officer of the Imperial Order of the Medjedieh and E. Tigrane, translator of the Ministry of Finance, Cairo. This pamphlet states that the best Turkish manual is by Mr. C. F. Tarring M.A., Assistant Judge of H.B.M. Supreme Consular Court for the Levant. Mr. Lyon proposes to follow on Mr. Tarring's plan, but to employ the Arabic characters in conjunction with Latin characters representing the English pronunciation of the Turkish orthography. Mr. Lyon does not intend, for the present, to proceed further with the grammar, or to have the special characters cut to represent the Turkish sounds, until he has had an opportunity of ascertaining the views of those best qualified to judge of the question. He will be glad to receive any comments or suggestions addressed to him at the Press of the Mûktataf, Cairo. Among other points, the class of Arabic type to be used is of very great importance, especially for the beginner, as some are much easier to decipher than others, and Mr. Lyon will be greatly obliged for any opinions on that matter.

JASTROW'S DICTIONARY OF THE TARGUM.—A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature, compiled by M. Jastrow, Ph.D., of which the second part is already published, is intended as a guide to a study beset with difficulties. Scholars and students, though acquainted with Biblical Hebrew and cognate tongues, have been deterred from taking up Talmudic literature by the apparent hopelessness of the task, without a guide. It is this want which the proposed work aims to supply, and being the first work of that kind in English, it has a special claim on the support of students in our country who desire to make themselves acquainted with a literature interesting to both theologian and philologist. We hope more particularly that college and public libraries will encourage so important a publication by promptly giving it a place on their shelves. The work has been welcomed by scholars generally, and bids promise to become not only an aid to those already engaged in such studies, but an encouragement to others to enter upon them. The lexicon, in its arrangement, method and conciseness, is to be like the modern dictionaries, which have made classical studies a pleasure. The old fashion of

* A. De Gubernatis, *Peregrinazioni Indiane*, three volumes. (L. Niccolai, Firenze).

unsystematically hunting for phonetic coincidences in all possible languages has been rejected. But while the work is based on philological principles, it avoids the abstruse discussions which have made similar works in other languages repellent to the student. Presenting the development of the Hebrew and Aramaic languages during the nine hundred years preceding the eleventh century of the common era, it may claim to be a contribution to comparative Semitic philology. The foreign elements in those languages will guide the student of post-classic Greek and Latin to the knowledge of words and meanings which may decide mooted questions of dialect and shed light on other obscurities in his province of study. For these purposes each part of the work as it appears is an independent monograph. In conclusion, the author desires to say that the bulk of the work lies ready in manuscript, and its publication will proceed without interruption, if proper support be received. The work will be completed in about twelve parts of 96 quarto pages each. Its price has been fixed as low as possible, so as to place it within the reach of all to whom it may be of service. Parts I. and II. are now ready for delivery, Part III. nearly ready, and the remaining parts will follow each other at intervals of about six to nine months. The author's method and its execution have met with almost unqualified approval, and we beg to call attention to a literary undertaking which deserves, but also needs, the encouragement of the few who can appreciate its importance and the patient and unrewarded labour it requires.

QABBALAH.—Mr. Isaac Myer, LL.B., of Philadelphia, has issued his work on the "Cabala," "Kabala," or "Qabalah" as he names it, but "Qabalah" is not an English word, it being against the rules of English orthography to use the *Q* without its being followed by the vowel *u*. This work, of which only 350 copies small paper and 150 large paper have been printed, and nearly all of them subscribed for before it was issued, has been published by the author himself, he being unable to find a publisher who could see a prospect of any profit from the sales of a book on such an abstruse subject. Mr. Myer takes for his authority on the "Kabala" the learned Solomon Ben Yehudah Ibn Gebirol, perhaps better known as Avicibron. From his philosophical writings, which treat on the Hebrew Kabala and Sepher-hazohar, the chief matter of the volume is derived. The author dedicates his work "to all earnest, unprejudiced, and independent searchers for the truth, theologians, priests and laymen." From the Kabala came the Christian religious system, which some have endeavoured to trace to the Talmud, but the Talmud is a collection of the commentaries of the Rabbis explaining the law, and contains many foolish and old-womanish stories; it is as unlike the Kabala as matter is to spirit. Besides the Hebrew Kabala, Mr. Myer gives an abstract of an essay on the Chinese Kabala, and an account of an ancient lodge of initiates translated from the Zohar, the authorship of which is doubtful, some ascribing it to Rabbi Simon ben Yo'hai, who flourished at the time of the Antonines.

VOLAPÜK.—The London Philological Society have declined the invitation of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, U.S., to send delegates to a Congress for perfecting a universal language on an Aryan basis. A Vice-President of the Society, Alexander J. Ellis, F.R.S., read a paper on June 15, 1888, which appears in the Transactions of the Philological Society, 1888, Part I, in which he states that two forms of a universal language already exist, and both on a non-Aryan basis, viz. Spelin and Volapük, and he is of opinion that such a congress would not arrive at any satisfactory solution of the question, and would only hinder the spread of Volapük in particular, which has made such rapid strides in public favour. Spelin he prefers to Volapük, but that would not have been invented by Prof. Bauer if Volapük had not been first in the field, as it was evolved out of Volapük. Mr. Ellis is inclined to give Volapük a fair field; it is already studied by thousands, let it work out its destiny, and become the universal language if it can.

THE BASQUE LANGUAGE.—Although there are very few who understand the remarkable and beautiful language of the Basques, the following correspondence between Prof. F. L. O. Röhrig and the Abbé Gratién Adéma may interest a few of our readers. Some time ago we mentioned the case of Prof. Röhrig, who was Professor of Oriental Languages in Cornell University for many years. Through a reorganization scheme at that institution, students were deprived of the means of studying the languages of the East, and Prof. Röhrig at the same time of a congenial employment. In his old age the Professor has had to take to commercial

pursuits, and is now a Real Estate Agent at Los Angeles, California.

A copy of F. L. O. Röhrig's letter to Monsieur l'Abbé Adéma, Curé-Doyen à Tardets (Basses Pyrénées).

Los Angeles, eguina, Maihatzaren 30^{an}, 1888.

Yaun Erretora.—Nahi nauzua eman permissionea zuri letra hunen igorteco. Eskualdun gazetan ikhushi dut nola Eskuara ikhasten hari dute Alemaniaco gizon yakintxubatzuekin atchikiteen zintuela zombait errelazione. Nola nihoni Alemana bainaz eta zuen mintzo ederraren ikhasten hasia, nahi nuke, Yaun Erretora, ongui ezagutu ene herritar sabant, hekien izenac eta bici lekhuac. Bertze ordur, plazur nuke errecebiteca zureganico zombait conseilu Eskuara ikhastearen gainean. Aditu dut, bainan eztakit eguiaden, journal Eskualdunbat Alemanian eguiten zutela. Arras content naiteke seguramendubat izaiteca guza horren gainean. Barkhamendu galdetceen zaitut, Yaun Erretora, ene ausartziac eta gelditceen naiz zure errepostuaren esperantzan.—Ezoiten naiz, Yaun Erretora, Zure zerbitzaila arras humila.

F. L. O. RÖHRIG.

Translation of Prof. F. L. O. Röhrig's letter to the Rev. Adéma, of Tardets:—

Reverend Sir (Rector).—Will you kindly allow me to address to you these lines. I have seen in the "Eskualdun Gazette" that you are in some relation with German scholars that cultivate the study of the Basque language. As I am myself a German, and give some attention to your beautiful native tongue, I should like to know, dear Sir, who are those learned countrymen of mine, their names and residence or address. Moreover, it would afford me great pleasure to receive from you some advice in regard to the best mode of continuing my study of the Basque language. I have heard, but do not know whether it is true, that they publish a Basque newspaper in Germany. I should feel very happy to receive some definite information on that score. I ask your pardon, dear Sir, for my boldness (thus to trouble you), and shall hopefully look forward to your kind answer.—I remain, Rev. Sir, your very humble servant,

F. L. O. RÖHRIG.

Tardets, 6 Août, 1888. Atharratceen Agorrilaren 6^{an}, 1888^{an}.

Ene Jaun maitea.—Noizbeit balin bada noizbeit ihardesten diot zure guthun onhetsgarriari. Lehen lehenik erran behar darozut bethi kasik eri nagoela lau ilhebethe huntan, eta orai banoha ene sor herrirat ilhabethe batentzat airez aldatzerat eta ene osasunaren arthatecerat. Ez banintz erizan, uda azken huntan, bilaraci gogo nuen. Frantziaco, Espainiaco, Angelstarreko, Autrichiaco, Alemanianico eta Ameriketaco Eskuaratiarren bilzarre handi bat. Yadanik lagundua nintzen asko gizon handi eta jakintsunen baimenaz. Agian arurthen egin gogoa eginen ahal dut heldu den urthean. Arte huntan condenatua naiz pausuan eta lan izpirituzko guziak utzirit geldi egoterat. Ez baita errech hori entzatz. Laudatzen dut gure mintzaiac ederrarentzat duzun ekharritasun hori. Bainan nekhe litzaikec escribuz zuri eskuararen gainean nahi zintuzken arguen emaitca. Zure guthunetik ezagutzen dut jadanik ontsa ikhasia zarela. Loriatu naiz, zu bezalaco gizon arrotz eta jakin baten ganik holaco guthun baten hein urrunetik ukhateaz. Atseginekin irakutsi diotet asko adiehkideri, eta guziari eder zitzaioen. Egia da, duela urthe bat oraino Berrikari edo Caseta bat escuaraz bacen Berlingen. Ez dukit geroztik haren berririk, edo gelditu den. Ni ez naiz hartan abonaturik izan. Protestant batzuec egina cen, eta parte bat omen erlijionearen enai ciren gionez. Hortaco gure herrietaco Eskualdun guciac catolicec baitire ez du gu tartean hartzailerik hambat izan. Huna Berrikari edo journal haren buruzagi edo egileen adreza Bat. Ch. Linschmann pasteur à Lehnstedts près Weimar. Bertce bat. Carl Hanneman, Berlin, O. Stralaver Platz, 15 part. Bertzalde Autrichian bada jaun jakintsun bat ene ezaguna, arras ongi eskuaraz mintzo dena. Huna Doctr. Hugo Schuchardt, professeur à l'Université de Grass, membre de l'académie de Vienne. Bide da bertze asko oraino; bainan ez dakit nor diren zuri heien izendateco. Hoietarik jakinen duzu bertgeen adreza. Eta nago, Jaun maitea, zure zerbitzari,

G. ADÉMA ch b curé doyen de Tardets.

Translation of Rev. Adéma's reply to Prof. F. L. O. Röhrig's letter:—

Tardets, August 6th, 1888.

My dear Sir,—Although late, I answer your very amiable letter. In the first place I have to tell you that for the last four months I have been nearly always sick and suffering, and am now returning to my native village for a month, to be benefited by the change of air and to take care of my health. If I had not been in such ill health this season, I would have called together a full Congress of all the scholars that give attention to the Basque language in France, in Spain, England, Austria, Germany, and America. I have been already seconded in my project, by several men of high standing and several scholars. I hope to be able to carry

into execution next year what it was impossible for me to do this year. Meanwhile, I see myself doomed to a complete rest, and to let every kind of mental labour alone, a matter which is in no wise easy for me to do. With my whole heart I approve the love you have for our beautiful language; it would, however, be difficult for me to give you in writing any hints to guide you in the study of our language. From your letter I see already that you are fully posted. It caused me much joy and satisfaction to receive from so great a distance a letter by one not a native Basque, a man so learned as you are. I took great delight in showing your letter to several of my friends, and they all considered it as a wonderful achievement of rare scholarship.

NOTE.—Then the writer continues to state that a year ago a gazette or journal in the Basque language was published in Berlin. But as it was a Protestant paper it did not find subscribers among the Catholics of the Basque country, and he does not know whether it is still in existence. He gives the direction of the proprietor and editor of that paper. He also mentions Prof. Dr. Hugo Schuchardt at Graz, as a scholar well versed in the Basque language, which he speaks beautifully.

VOLAPUK AND SPANISH.—There has been a Journal issued in the interests of Volapük in Madrid, edited by Dr. Francisco Fernández Iparraguirre, who is President of the Spanish Volapük Society. The same gentleman has issued a little grammar of Volapük for Spaniards, which has passed through two editions.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE.—Mr. Horatio Hale read a paper before the Canadian Institute, Toronto, in April, 1888, on this subject in continuation and amplification of his address before the Section of Anthropology in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1886. This paper is full of deep thought and suggestive matter for philologists, although all may not agree with its conclusions.

CHANEABAL AND TZOTZIL LANGUAGES.—Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, B.A., of University College, Toronto, has sent us short comparative vocabularies of these languages. The Chaneabal language is spoken in the districts of Tachinula and Comitán in Chiapas, and is closely related to the Tzendal and Tzotzil, belonging with them to the Maya-Kiche family of speech.

THE TORCH.—This bibliographical periodical commences its second volume with the September Number for this year. Mr. Petherick contrives to give new matter with each number, even to the advertisements. "The Bibliography of Australia—New South Wales" is continued. There is besides a classified list of English and American publications, and one of recent colonial publications and books relating to the colonies, together with a list of English and American periodicals.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE HEBREW LANGUAGE.—The Rev. Joseph Edkins, who recently published a work on "The Evolution of the Chinese Language," is preparing for the press a work on this important subject. It develops the theory that human speech began of necessity with labial consonants and very few vowels, and that the introduction into Semitic speech of all the other vowels and consonants was effected by small changes slowly made. Hebrew was evolved from an older Semitic stem, and the Semitic stem from a biliteral system which possessed monosyllabic roots and a natural syntax. The author divides the Hebrew triliteral period into five subperiods, of which the fifth was that of the Hebrew literature, the fourth of the formation of peculiar syntax, the third of the growth of pronominal suffixes to verbs, the second of the growth of conjugation moods and tenses with the help of pronominal prefixes, and the first that of the triliteral roots. He describes the changes of vowels in the verb paradigms as in accord with physiology, so that intensity and laxity in the muscles are preceded by excitement and languor in the mind. It is shown that broad *a* is the most suitable vowel for the past tense and *i* or short *a* for the intensive form of the verb. He traces the Semitic creativeness in the paradigms to the contact of nomadic races with the civilization of the Euphrates and Nile, biliteral words and natural syntax survive in Hebrew books, where they are found mixed with the triliteral words and later syntax. It is the task of philology to separate the old and new elements.

GOETHE.—Mr. Hiersemann, of Leipzig, sends us a very complete catalogue of books on Goethe, and "Faust" in particular. Prominent is a good collection of English editions and translations, and the prices are far from expensive. We notice among others the anonymous translation published in 1838 in two volumes, priced at £2 10s.,

which is low indeed if the fact is taken into consideration that only forty copies were printed.

THE MANDAN INDIANS.—Messrs. Joel Munsell's Sons, of Albany, U.S., announce their intention to publish, if sufficient encouragement is given, the Journal of a Director of the North-West Company of Montreal kept in 1806, during a visit to the Mandan Indians, with an introductory essay, and annotations by Edward D. Neill, D.D., Prof. of History and Political Science in Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. It is believed to contain the most graphic account of Mandan life ever written, and will not only interest the ethnologist, but also imparts valuable information to the settlers of Dakota and Montana. It will make a book of about 200 pages, of same type as Neill's Virginia Company, Virginia Vetusta, and Virginia Carolorum, all published by them—and the price will be \$2.50. Subscriptions should be sent as early as possible, as only a limited edition will be published.

THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE TRUTHSEEKER COMPANY (NEW YORK).—"The Secret of the East; or, the Origin of the Christian Religion, and the Significance of its Rise and Decline," and "The Bible of Nature; or, the Principles of Secularism—a Contribution to the Religion of the Future," are two books by Mr. Felix L. Oswald. In the first of these volumes Mr. Oswald combats the "Pessimism" and austerity of the Buddhistic and Christian religions, and any one would suppose him to be an Epicurean; but in the second work we find him turning completely round, and showing that health is only to be preserved by a certain amount of self-denial, and what is life without health? All extremes are baneful; the Stoics were right, and they were also wrong, as also were the Epicureans. Writers like Mr. Oswald attack the corruptions of systems as if they were a part and parcel of the systems themselves. Primitive Christianity was the most perfect rule of life ever introduced into the world—a spiritualized socialism; but the world was not prepared to follow out its precepts, and never will be. Secularism aims to do what Buddhism, Christianity, Mahometanism, and all other isms have tried to do, reform the world; but it lacks the motive power of the other isms, and will never last so long as any of them. If we may be allowed the expression, it is an ism without a soul, founded on the selfish instincts of human nature. We have received two pamphlets, besides the before-mentioned volumes, from the Truthseeker Company, one by Dr. Louis Büchner on "Materialism, its History and its Influence upon Society," and the other by W. S. Bell, on "The French Revolution, its Causes and Results."

REPORT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.—Some time since we noticed Part 1 of this Report, and we have now received Part 2, which contains the Report of the United States National Museum for the half year ending June 30, 1885, in four parts, and also a fifth part containing a full description, with plates, of George Catlin's Indian Gallery now in the National Museum, which is the proper place for it, and where it ought to have been years ago. Mr. Thos. Donaldson, who edits the Catalogue of the Catlin productions, also writes a memoir and statistics; but so engrossed was Mr. Catlin in his work of preserving memorials of the fast dying-out Indian tribes that he sank self in the work, and left no material for his own memoirs. Under these circumstances his friends had to volunteer information of facts they were cognizant of respecting his career which enabled Mr. Donaldson to compile an interesting sketch of his life.

GRIGGS' PHILOSOPHICAL CLASSICS.—The seventh volume of this excellent series of "German Philosophical Classics for English Readers," is Prof. John Dewey's exposition of Leibniz's "New Essays concerning the Human Understanding." This work of Leibniz, which is a criticism on Locke's great work, has never been translated, and is particularly interesting as showing the status and relations of English and German thought. It should command as large a sale as any of the series which Prof. George S. Morris is seeing through the press for the enterprising publishers.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.—Messrs. Robert Clarke & Co. Cincinnati, have issued a very complete catalogue of books on Political Economy, Finance, Political and Social Science, etc., classified by subjects compiled and arranged by Robert Hunter; it contains altogether, with title, introduction, etc., 84 pages.

APPLETON'S CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY.—The fifth volume of "Appleton's Cyclopædia of American Biography" is passing through the press, and will be ready for delivery shortly. Among the important articles are those on "William H. Prescott," by Dr. S. A. Allibone; "Henry H. Richardson," by Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D.; "The Randolph Family," by Moncure D. Conway; Generals

"Philip H. Sheridan" and "William T. Sherman," by Prof. Henry Coppée; "Charles Sumner," by George W. Curtis; "Horatio Potter," by the Rev. Morgan Dix, D.D.; "George Ripley," by the Rev. O. B. Frothingham; "James Knox Polk," by J. Henry Hager; "Whitelaw Reid," by Col. John Hay; "Baron von Steuben," by the Rev. J. T. Headley; "George Edward Pickett," by Gen. Bradley T. Johnson; "Peter and Gerrit Smith," by Rossiter Johnson; "Edwin M. Stanton," by Edwards Pierpont; "George M. Pullman," by Gen. Horace Porter; "George W. Smalley," by John Russell Young; "Samuel Provost," "Winfield Scott," and "Alexander T. Stewart," by Gen. James Grant Wilson, and "Israel Putnam" and "Thomas Sumter," by Prof. John Fiske. The sketch of President Polk has been revised by Hon. George Bancroft, the only member of his Cabinet now living; while those of Generals Sherman and Sheridan were submitted for correction to those distinguished officers. Gen. Sheridan revised what Prof. Coppée had written of him on July 26th, only ten days before his death. The forthcoming volume, besides ten full-page steel engravings of Generals Sherman, Scott, and Sheridan, Presidents Polk and Pierce, Admiral Porter, William H. Seward, William Gilmore Simms, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Charles Sumner, will contain about 250 vignettes, including pictures of public buildings, birthplaces, monuments, etc. This undertaking will be completed with the issue of Volume Six, which will contain, besides an analytical index, a supplement containing many additional names, such as the recently appointed Chief-Justice of the United States.

REPORTS OF THE CONSULS OF THE UNITED STATES.

—We are in receipt of Nos. 91 and 92 of this useful publication. The first, for January, 1888, contains "Germany's Trade and Industry for the Year 1886," by Consul-General Raine, "The Economic Condition of Italy," by Consul-General Alden, and "The United Kingdom in 1887," by Consul-General Waller. The second, for April, 1888, amongst other notable articles, contains one by Consul N. W. Hornstedt, of Moscow, on Captain Joseph Wiggins and the "North-East Passage," Captain Wiggins having by this route opened a way into the interior of Siberia, a country rich in gold, iron, copper, graphite, marble, and coal, and splendid timber, capable of supplying the whole of Western Europe with wheat, oats, barley, flax, etc., once placed within a twelve days' journey of the thickly populated parts of Europe, cannot fail to open an enormous field for enterprise. We understand a company has already been formed to carry on a trade via Captain Wiggins' route.

THE ANNUAL AMERICAN CATALOGUE, 1887.—This second issue of the American Annual Catalogue is not made, as the first was, by a photographic process, but from small electrotype plates of the titles of each book which appeared in the "Publishers' Weekly." At some future time the proprietor hopes to be able to inform librarians which is the most economical way of reproducing the titles. The number of books registered falls somewhat below that for 1886, the present catalogue containing 4437 against 4676 in the former one.

THE NATIONAL REVENUES OF THE U. S. AMERICA.—This is the title of a collection of papers by American Economists, edited by Albert Shaw, Ph.D., and published by A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago. It is a collection of brief original essays, twenty in number, by very distinguished teachers and writers in the field of Economics, representing all schools of belief. The essays deal with the subject of U. S. National Revenues, and incidentally with that of Tariff Revision, in all their phases. The book is non-partisan. The essays are terse and frank, touching both practical and theoretical aspects of their subjects, which are treated with simplicity, force, and condensation. Dr. Albert Shaw contributes an Introduction admirably stating the matters to be discussed, and a supplementary chapter summing up the conclusions of the various writers. Some important statistical tables, valuable for reference, are also furnished by him.

THE TRUE SOURCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.—Up to the year 1881 Lake Itasca was supposed to be the source of the "Father of Water"; but in that year Captain Willard Glazier traced the Mississippi and fixed its source 3184 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, 1582 feet above the level of the Atlantic Ocean, in a lake beyond Lake Itasca, which has been named Lake Glazier in honour of its discoverer. Captain Glazier in his exploration took with him an Indian guide Che-no-wa-ge-sic, and the map of the course of the great river is drawn from his delineations. The account of his canoe voyage of 117 days the Captain has embodied in an illustrated volume, published this year by Messrs. Hubbard Bros. of Philadelphia, entitled "Down the Great River,"

embracing an account of the discovery of the true source of the Mississippi, together with views, descriptive and pictorial, of the cities, towns, villages and scenery on the banks of the river, as seen during a canoe voyage of over three thousand miles from its head-waters to the Gulf of Mexico. The majority of geographers have recognized Captain Glazier's claims, but the supplement to Maury's "Manual of Geography" in "Recent Geographical Events" says: "Source of the Mississippi.—In 1881 it was claimed that Captain Glazier had discovered the true source of the Mississippi to be a lake which was named in honour of him Glazier Lake. It lay a little to the south of Lake Itasca. In the light of fuller investigation, it appears that this claim cannot be sustained. The lake in question should properly retain its old Indian name, Elk Lake. The actual beginning of the Mississippi would seem to be a creek, or little river, which takes its rise among the foothills, a few miles to the south of Lake Itasca. It has been proposed to call this stream Nicollet River, in honour of Jean Nicollet, who explored it in 1836." As a matter of fact Captain Glazier maps out two creeks which flow from the foothills beyond Lake Glazier; the one he names Excelsior, and the other Deer Creek. The river and lake that Jean Nicollet explored in 1836 lie many miles south of Lake Itasca, and form one of the numerous feeders to the great river. To be the source of the Mississippi it should take its rise north of Lake Itasca, which Lake Glazier does; so the editor of Maury's "Manual of Geography" is rather confused upon the subject. The Mississippi flows from north to south, and the source would certainly be the most northern lake or creek that flows into it.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.—Commander H. C. Taylor, U.S. Navy, read a very important paper at the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the "General Question of Isthmian Transit." In this paper, which has been published separately from the Transactions of the Association, he advocates the forming a canal across Lake Nicaragua, utilizing the River San Juan and the Brito. The total distance from ocean to ocean by this route is 1698 miles, but the greater part of the way is already provided by nature. We understand an influential company has been formed in the United States to engineer this canal; but up to the present time they have not succeeded in getting the recognition they require from the United States Government. It is estimated by Commander Taylor that the time required by a vessel to go from ocean to ocean through this waterway when formed would be 30 hours, if not even less, and the cost of making the canal he estimated at \$64,043,699, including electric lighting, the lighting and buoying of the lake and harbours, etc., and he considers the canal and its accessories could be completed in six years.

FOLK-LORE OF PHILADELPHIA.—Mr. Henry Phillips, jun., has sent us a "First Contribution to the Folk-lore of Philadelphia," the substance of a paper read before the American Philosophical Society, March 16th, 1888. The items are recorded under the headings of "Births, Deaths, and Marriages," "Weather and Seasons," celestial and terrestrial, "Folk Medicine," and "Signs, Omens, Portents, and Superstitions."

THE DAIRYMAN'S MANUAL.—Mr. Henry Stewart, author of the "Shepherd's Manual," etc., has brought out (Orange Judd Company, New York) a practical treatise on the Dairy, and all matters connected therewith. This manual comes in good time, Mr. Arnold's book being just out of print.

LABOUR IN THE UNITED STATES.—We have before us two very important volumes on the statistics of labour in the United States. One is the Third Report of the Honble. Carroll D. Wright, the Commissioner of Labour, 1887, under the general government; and the other is the Fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labour of the State of New York for 1887, by the Honble. Commissioner Charles F. Peck. Both these volumes treat on strikes and lock-outs, and we rejoice to learn that strikes are on the decline and consequently lock-outs. Mr. Peck is inclined to think that strikes are not an unmixed evil, but we should think, looking at them from a commercial and not a sentimental view, they must be a greater loss to the employés than to the employer; the former loses his capital which is his labour, the latter can only lose his profit. When employers and employé can both be brought to see their own interests, and submit their differences to arbitration, strikes and lock-outs will be things of the past. In some instances arbitration has not been necessary, and strikes have been averted by a discussion between employers and employé, each being mutually willing to agree to whatever was reasonable. Both these "Reports" give the decisions of the Courts and the legisla-

tion concerning strikes, combinations, conspiracies, boycotts, etc.; the law in America would seem from these decisions to be less liberal to employés than that of England.

TROPICAL AGRICULTURE.—The literary wants of tropical agriculturists are now well supplied by two periodicals, the one entitled "Timehri," published half-yearly by the Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society of British Guiana, and the other "The Tropical Agriculturist" published in Colombo, Ceylon, by the Messrs. Ferguson; this latter being more devoted to the general requirements of tropical agriculture than the former. The December, 1887 number of the "Timehri" (Vol. I. New Series, part 2) contains an article on "Rice Cultivation," by Mr. A. R. Gilzean, in which he shows that three crops per annum may be easily raised in British Guiana. The same number contains an article on "Books and their Enemies," with suggestions on the means of preserving a library in the moist hot climate of British Guiana. Mr. James Rodway, F.L.S., the writer of this article seems in doubt if cloth or leather is most suitable to the climate; paste should never be used in the bindings, as the insects are sure to attack it; glue is the only allowable adhesive substance, and the bindings should be painted with a solution of corrosive sublimate in spirits of wine.

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.—We have before us "Circulars of Information," Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 1887. No. 1, by Dr. Herbert B. Adams, is a history of the "William and Mary Colleges of Virginia," which dates back to 1693, and was named after the royal couple William and Mary. No. 2, which is entitled "The Study of History in American Colleges and Universities," might almost be called a history of American Colleges, and it is copiously illustrated with college interiors. No. 3 is the Report of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association at its meeting, March 15-17, 1887.

A LIBRARY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE.—The "Library of American Literature, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time," is announced as being ready for issue. Mr. E. C. Stedman and Miss E. M. Hutchinson have been at work for several years preparing this work, which has been announced for some time past. The volumes as at present arranged will be divided as follows:—Vol. I. Early Colonial Literature, 1607-75.—II. Later Colonial Literature, 1676-1764.—III. Literature of the Revolution, 1765-77.—IV. Literature of the Republic, Constitutional Period, 1788-1820.—V. Literature of the Republic, 1821-1834.—VI. VII. and VIII. Literature of the Republic, 1835-1860. IX. and X. Literature of the Republic, 1861-1887. The work, from specimens we have seen, is well printed, and also illustrated, as it will contain 150 authentic portraits of American authors.

NEW JERSEY GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Professor George H. Cook, the State Geologist, has presented his Report for 1887, in which he speaks of the "near completion of the work," and that this report "is soon to be followed by the first part of the final report," which will be on the physical geography of New Jersey, and will embody the text of the results of the Geodetic, Topographic, and Magnetic Surveys, with elaborate maps. Water supply and drainage, two very important factors, have their appropriate divisions. Amongst the metals, zinc and iron seem to be the only ores at present worked in New Jersey.

AN INDEX TO HARPER'S WEEKLY.—Mr. W. M. Griswold, A.B. (of Harvard), has compiled an Index to Harper's Weekly from 1857 to 1887. It forms No. 6 of what he terms "Cumulative Indexes."

THE SIXTH AMERICAN CHESS CONGRESS.—The Committee beg to announce with a sense of the highest gratification that of the minimum sum of \$5000, which, according to their estimate, is necessary for inaugurating the forthcoming Chess Congress, the amount of \$4614 is now subscribed in positive promises. The guarantee for the balance kindly offered some ago by Mr. Max Judd, the Vice-President of the St. Louis Chess, Checker and Whist Club, and Mr. J. Spencer Turner, the President of the Brooklyn Chess Club, has been accepted by the Committee with cordial thanks, as they are thereby enabled to expedite the preparations for the grand International contest, which will be one of the most memorable events in the annals of Chess history. The Committee now earnestly appeal to the kind subscribers toward the funds of the Congress to forward at once their contributions, which are now due according to the terms of subscription; for, in conformity with the conditions named in the first programme of the Committee issued in February, 1887, this will be the first occasion in which the title of Champion of the World

will be at issue in a Chess Congress, and this title will be duly tested by a match, in addition to the general contest. The Committee therefore desire to increase the prizes in the most liberal manner; they therefore appeal to generous amateurs in America and other countries to aid them by further contributions in their efforts of maintaining creditably the prestige of the Royal Game. A book containing a full collection of the tournament games with analysis, and at least a selection of any competing problems, etc., will be issued and edited by Mr. W. Steinitz. There will be only one issue of the book, limited to subscribers only, and the plates will be publicly destroyed, after the copies for subscribers are struck off. The name of each subscriber will appear in print with his number on the title-page. Each owner of a copy will therefore have a book specially printed for himself, as a memento of his having supported the first International Chess Congress, which was organized for determining the Championship of the World. President, Mr. J. Spencer Turner; Vice-Presidents, Dr. O. F. Jentz, Mr. Fred. Perrin, Mr. Thomas Frere; Treasurer, Mr. Fred. Rose, P.O. Box 3076, New York; Secretary, Mr. Constantine Schubert, 12, First Street, New York.

THE STORY OF THE NATIONS.—Under this general title Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, of Paternoster Square, is issuing a valuable series of Historical Manuals, of which four are before us, viz. "The Goths," by Mr. Henry Bradley; "Turkey," by Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole, and "Assyria," and "Chaldea," both by M. Zénaïde A. Ragozin. These Manuals are written by thoroughly competent authors, well acquainted with the subjects they write upon. Mr. Bradley in "The Goths" gives an account of the remarkable savage tribes that at one time seemed destined to conquer the whole of Europe, until they found their match in the Roman Emperor Claudius, surnamed Gothicus, who drove them back into the recesses of the Balkan Mountains, but not, however, before they had left their impress on the Teutonic languages of Europe. Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole, assisted by Messrs. J. W. Gibb and Arthur Gilman, traces how the tribes from Central Asia penetrated south and founded the Ottoman Empire; in fact, the early history of the Turkish Empire reads like a romance, and Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole has been able to produce a most enthralling narrative of the rise and decadence of the Turkish Empire. In the volumes on "Chaldea" and "Assyria," Madam Ragozin presents to our view a résumé of all the facts on these two interesting empires of former days, culled from the most trustworthy authorities, woven into a charming narrative. These popular Stories of the Nations are just the books that are wanted for the free public libraries of the present day, and for that rising generation of readers which will probably be evolved out of our present system of compulsory education.

SHEEP BREEDING.—This is a subject that is of great interest to our colonial friends, and up to the present time the books on the subject have been expensive works, nothing under seven shillings and sixpence or ten shillings. Messrs. Quibell Brothers, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, deserve the best thanks of all interested in sheep-breeding for the very excellent little treatise they have issued on this subject. It is entitled "Quibell's Sheep Breeder's Guide, a Complete Treatise upon Sheep and Sheepbreeding." It consists of ninety pages of reading matter and two of index, or, including advertisements relating to stock-raising, one hundred and twelve pages, and is published at the low price of one shilling. The illustrations consist of twenty woodcut portraits from photographs of representative living animals selected from the best flocks in England. It is intended as a complete treatise of useful information for sheepowners in all parts of the world, and contains descriptions of modern breeds of sheep, with sketches of celebrated breeders. It contains a chapter on the wool-growing colonies, including a short notice on Mexico, which is said to be as fine a region as can be found in the world for sheep rearing; and also chapters on the diseases of sheep and on breeding them.

GILDS.—The late Mr. Cornelius Walford at his death left a MS. on the History of Gilds which had partly been published in the "Antiquarian Magazine." This MS. Mrs. Walford has seen through the press, and it has been published by Mr. George Redway, York Street, Covent Garden. The word "Gild," according to Bishop Gillies, is derived from the Saxon "Geldan" or "Gildan," which means "to pay," as the members were Gildare, subscribers to the support of the Gild. Societies for mutual support and help existed from very early times. The Essenians, a religious sect of the Jews, said to have been the forerunners of the Christians, formed a communistic Gild, in which each worked for all, and all for

each. England is said to have been the birthplace of Trade Guilds; they are told of in the books that contain the oldest reliques of English laws. Mr. Walford gives twenty-one objects for which Guilds were formed, and they are as follows:— 1. Relief in Poverty. 2. Relief in Sickness. 3. Relief in Old Age. 4. Relief on Loss of Sight. 5. Relief on Loss of Cattle. 7. Relief on the Fall of a House. 8. Relief on Making Pilgrimages. 9. Relief in case of Loss by Fire. 10. Relief in case of Loss by Floods. 11. Relief in case of Robbery. 12. Relief in case of Shipwreck. 13. Relief in case of Imprisonment. 14. Aid in Temporary Pecuniary Difficulty. 15. Aid to obtain Work. 16. Relief in Defending themselves at Law. 17. Relief in being Deaf or Dumb. 18. Relief in being afflicted with Leprosy. 19. Dowries on Marriages of Females, or on their entering a House of Religion. 20. Repair of Roads and Bridges. 21. Repair of Churches.

WALKS IN THE ARDENNES.—Mr. Percy Lindley has produced a very charming little book on a district made celebrated by Shakespeare in "As You Like it." It is intended for travellers cycling, driving, boating, by rail, and on foot, and contains some notes on fishing and shooting. The illustrations, which are spirited, and give a very good idea of the romantic scenery of the Ardenues, are from pen and ink sketches by Mr. J. F. Weedon. The imprint on the title-page of this little volume is, London, 125, Fleet Street, and all booksellers.

LIFE-LORE.—This Magazine, which published its first number in July last, is a monthly periodical devoted to Natural History, and it well deserves the patronage of those interested in the subject; it is well printed, the woodcut illustrations are excellent, and the articles well selected. It is published by Mr. W. Mawer, 4, Essex Street, Strand.

THE NEW LIBRARIAN OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Mr. E. Maunde Thompson has been appointed Chief Librarian of the British Museum in place of Mr. Bond, who has retired. Mr. Thompson was second in command to Mr. Bond, when that gentleman was Keeper of the Manuscripts, and he succeeded that gentleman in his office when he was appointed Chief Librarian as successor to Mr. Panizzi.

NOTES ON AND EXTRACTS FROM THE OLDEST REGISTER OF THE PARISH OF EASTWICK, HERTFORDSHIRE.—This old Register commences in the year 1555 (a date earlier than usual), and comes down to about 1730. It is in first-rate condition, and contains a fair number of remarkable entries, although the actual number of the entries is not very large. The fullest and best-kept portion of the Register is from 1555 to 1619. This is all in the handwriting of the Rev. William Oram, who was rector of the parish from 1582 till 1619. In the right-hand top corner of the first leaf is written:—"The True Copie of y^e ould Regester Before my Tyme as I found it: it begineth ab Anno 1555." At the bottom of leaf 6 is written:—"The End of the Oulde Regester." And the proof that the writing is in Mr. Oram's hand is contained in the next entry at the top of leaf 7:—"The Regester Booke of Eastwicke ab Ao 1582 kept by W. Oram Mynister." In the first six leaves each entry is preceded by the words "Item that" in the contracted form "Itē yt," which on leaf 7 onwards gives place to the form "Memoir yt," each entry being succeeded by the name and date of the reigning Sovereign. The following entry would seem to possess some historical importance:—"Annys, servant to Redeford, who was my lady Carew's servant," buried 30 August, 1558. Thomas Redford was buried in 1557. A curious way of doubly emphasizing a date occurs in:—"William Winter was Buried y^e 27th of November, 1558, weh was y^e Monday after y^e proclamacion of Lady Elizabeth to be quene." The following are peculiar forms of noting facts:—"Alice, pore woman, bur. 23 Aug. 1567." "James, borne under Fylso Parke side, bap. 26 March, 1568." "A poor woman's child was bap. 10 May, 1570." A remarkable entry is: "Item yt Clarke had a lycence to eate fleshe 8 Feb. 1573." How comes such an entry as this in a record of christenings, marriages, and burials? The immediately preceding entry is, "Item yt Edward Clarke y^e sonne of John Clarke was Baptized y^e 20th of Marche, 1573." There are upwards of fifty entries in which the name Spencer occurs (always so spelt). In fact the spelling of the Register is unusually good throughout. Other names of local interest are Archer, Bridges, Camp, Cramphorne, Farro, Mott, Nightingale, Pricklowe, Reddington, and Thurgood or Thorowgood. The derivation of Cramphorne is much desiderated. It still flourishes in the vicinity of Eastwick. Prudence is a very common Christian female name. Some very strange Christian names also occur, viz. Christisbell, Thomasa, Riotheilbart, Benoni, and Beroiath. The mothers of the "base bornes"

are duly gibbeted:—"Susan y^e daughter of Joan [no blank for surname] baptized y^e 8th of April, 1593, & in y^e yere of Elizabeth 35th, which Joan was delivered with y^e said child or ever she was maryed to John Tretell," which latter fact is recorded a month later: "John Tretell & Joan Bonnam wer maryed y^e 7th of Maye, 1593." It is difficult to explain this entry: "My Lord Chamberlaine died at London 22 July, 1596," except on the supposition that he was the patron or friend of Mr. Oram. A local dignitary is thus recorded:—"William Wollward, alias Heward, a shomaker, & Clarke of this parish, was buried 29 Aug. 1593." Coming down to the end of Mr. Oram's record, his last entry is: "Mary, a Basse Borne Child, viz. y^e Daughter of Mary Smyth, was Baptized y^e 2th of February, Anno supra" (1619). With the demise of Mr. Oram, the keeping of the Register fell into abeyance during the period 1620-1658. There are no records in 1620; four in 1621, and then Mr. Hills, the then rector, records the birth of five of his children between 1622 and 1627. There is an interval of ten years till 1637-1639 (one entry each), four entries in 1642, three in 1643, one of which runs as follows: "Mary Horsly, the daughter of Henry Horsley, of the Towne of Eastwick, was baptized at Hunsdon (the towne of Eastwick being infected with the plague), on Whytson Monday, May 22, 1643." Of the 1642 entries one is full of family details:—"Richard Adams, of our parish of Eastwick, dyed there on the 11th day of May, 1642: & lyeth there buried, leaving behind his wife; two sons, William and Henry; & one daughter, Joane." There is one entry in 1644, and then two Cramphornes baptized in 1654 and 1655. The following leaf is devoted to the baptism of eight children of Joseph Lambert, between 1650 and 1664. With the advent of Edmund Godwin (he calls himself "the parson") in 1658, the Register resumes its well-kept form, and the following entry will possess much interest for the Spencers in America:—"Thomas Spencer, the oldest man in Eastwick, was buried December 29, 1658." The Rev. Michael Altham was instituted as Rector in 1664, and proceeds in a beautiful handwriting to record the baptism of his children between the years 1666 and 1673, discarding, however, the vulgar tongue, and using sonorous Latin, viz.:—"Thomas filius Michaelis Altham Rectoris Rectoris de Eastwicke, et Elizabethæ vxoris ejus, natus fuit decimo tertio die Julij, et Baptizatus fuit vicesimo quarto die ejusdem mensis, Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundo vicesimo quinto Annoque domini 1673." In fact, the most noticeable entry in this Register is that of the marriage of Sir Humphrey Gore (the lord of the manor) by the same Michael Altham: the excessive severity of his penmanship in this case is a thing to marvel at! The following entry exhibits an absence of charitable feeling:—"John, the son of William Brand, was born Mich. 1700, and baptized the 6 day of Dec. 1702; his mother an Anabap[tist]: she dieing, he is bapt." And this is very quaint:—"May 10, 1706, Now was borne, and this day baptized, A very weaked Child, the son of Thomas Cramborne and Grace, his wife." "Weaked" is a peculiar form for "weakly," and for fear of death the child was baptized on its natal day, but the name of the infant is not recorded. Special records are made of the affidavits required by the Act of Parliament for Burying in Woollen; and the book closes with a list of contributions towards various parishes in the country that had suffered from flood or fire—a noble record of charity from so small a parish as Eastwick, which is situated at the extreme east of the County of Hertford, watered by the River Stort, and presents a picture of that sylvan beauty for which Hertfordshire is so famed. The population at the present time is about a hundred, and the tiny church is all too large for them. The church was restored about fifteen years ago, and during the restoration the stone coffin of the Knight Templar whose effigy is in the church was discovered. Cussans, the county historian, conjectures that the effigy belongs to the period 1200-1250, and probably represents a member of the family of de Tany; the Knights Templars are credited with being the founders of the church. It remains only to thank the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Pursell, to whose courtesy and kindness such readers of the *Hertfordshire Mercury* as take an interest in these old-world matters are indebted for the foregoing notes.—W. M. W., *Hertfordshire Mercury*, July 14, 1888.

FISHERIES, DOMINION OF CANADA.—From the Fourth Annual Report of the Deputy Minister of Fisheries for the year 1887, we find the aggregate value to be \$18,386,103-75, being a decrease of \$293,184-82 compared to that of 1886. There is a falling off in the catch of cod and also of lobsters. There are twelve breeding stations in the United States, where fish are hatched, and the total number of young fish distributed from these hatcheries during the season of 1887 amounted to

77,673,000, the total quantity of ova laid down in the fall of 1887 was 110,580,200. With this report is also issued a special one which gives the particulars of the Fisheries Protection Service during 1887. In this Special Report it is stated that in consequence of the better understanding on the part of the masters of United States fishing vessels as to the customs and fisheries regulations, the season's work was carried on without little friction, and in most cases a willing and loyal compliance was accorded to the regulations.

NEW ZEALAND MINING.—The General Annual Report on the Mining Industry of New Zealand for 1887, published 1888, has been printed at Wellington. Although New Zealand contains the ores of all the chief metals, mining operations have chiefly been confined to coal and gold. With regard to the latter, most of the surface deposits have been exhausted and mining has to be carried on by sinking shafts. The yield from quartz is fairly constant from year to year, and is governed by the quantity of quartz crushed. The Report contains a vast amount of information for those interested in the mining industries of New Zealand. It is compiled by James McKerrow, Esq., Secretary of Mines, and submitted to the Honble. G. F. Richardson, Minister of Mines for the Colony.

THE GOLD-FIELDS OF VICTORIA.—From the Reports of the Mining Registrars for the quarter ending March 31, 1888, we learn that a silver craze had somewhat diverted capital from gold mining, and that the gold yield for the March quarter of 1888, which was 156,817 oz. 6 cwt. 21 grs., showed a decrease of 9594 oz. 7 cwt. 14 grs. The dividends paid by mining companies for the quarter amounted to £111,149 9s. 3d. The total quantity of quartz crushed was 181,157 tons 11 cwt., and the average yield was 9 dwt. 12.75 grs. per ton. 18 dwt. 21.48 grs. was the highest average, very much smaller than some of the mines of India and South Africa, which are said to yield from 3 to 7 oz. to the ton.

BOOK, ETC., RECEIVED.—Annual Report of the Ballarat School of Mines, 1887.—Annual Report of the St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library, 1886-87.—Twenty-first Annual Report of the Peabody Institute of the City of Baltimore, June 7, 1888.—Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb Report, 1887.—Freeman (Henry), Writing Simplified, Longhand, Shorthand, Parallel Symbols of Holy Writ.—China Review, May and June, 1888.—Library of Harvard University, Bibliographical Contributions, by Justin Winsor, No. 17.—Babylonian and Oriental Record, September.—Annual Report of the Board of Visitors to the Westpoint, U. S. Military Academy, for the year 1888.

In Memoriam.

HERSHON.—The well-known Hebrew scholar, Mr. Paul Isaac Hershon, recently died at his residence in Wood Green, after a short illness, in his 71st year. He was born in Galicia, his family being orthodox Hebrews; but at an early age he embraced Christianity, and soon became actively interested in the work of the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, becoming successively director of the House of Industry for Jews at Jerusalem and of the model farm at Jaffa. From this work he retired in 1859, thenceforth devoting himself to literary labours, producing in 1874, after years of patient study, an edition of the book of Genesis as the first instalment of "The Pentateuch according to the Talmud." In order to enhance the value of this important work, composed as it was of extracts from almost every treatise in the Talmud, Mr. Hershon afterwards brought out an English translation, thus placing this great store of Talmudic knowledge within the reach of those students who could not read the difficult Rabbinical Hebrew of the original. Amongst other works by Mr. Hershon may be especially noted,

"A Talmudic Miscellany," "Treasures of the Talmud," and "A Rabbinical Commentary on Genesis," besides many works of a less important character, and contributions to periodical literature. He translated the New Testament into Judæo-Polish, and this was published by the British and Foreign Bible Society for distribution amongst Continental Jews, most of whom are familiar with this particular dialect. Theologians and archaeologists of note have confessed their indebtedness to Mr. Hershon for unsealing the storehouses of Rabbinical lore, and he was moreover always recognized by the Jewish Press as an unimpeachable authority on this and kindred subjects. Mr. Hershon has left behind him several important works in manuscript, one specially worthy of note being a digest of marginal references in Hebrew for the whole Bible, which we believe is to be published by the London Jews Society. He also left much valuable literary material, which it is not too much to hope may be made accessible to future students through one or other of the religious societies.

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