

to the primitive type, and as family portraits show a uniformity that could not exist if the race obtained but its mathematical proportion of ancestral peculiarities. arguments based on the mathematics of the case avail little in the discussion.

EDWARD H. WILLIAMS, JUN.

Bethlehem, Penn., April 9.

BOOK-REVIEWS.

The Great Earthquake of Japan, 1891. By PROFESSOR JOHN MILNE, F.R.S., and PROFESSOR W. K. BURTON, C.E. With plates, by K. Ogawa. Yokohama, 1892.

In these modern days when photography has assumed such an important part, not only in the artistic side of life, but in the work of scientific observation as well, it was inevitable that after any great natural occurrence like the Japanese earthquake of October, 1891, the camera should be employed to assist in preserving a correct record of its effects. Some of the pictures so taken have been reproduced in the European and American illustrated papers and have aided much in conveying to western readers an idea of the great destruction caused by this calamity; but none which the writer has seen can be compared to the beautiful series of pictures contained in the volume named above.

It is an oblong quarto, 29 cm. by 41 cm. in size, containing twenty-nine full-page heliotype copies of photographs and one map. All but three of the photographs were made by the authors for the Imperial University of Japan, and are copyrighted in its

name. They are printed on a fine Japanese paper, which is itself a product of the very district shaken by the earthquake. The book is published by Lane Crawford & Co., Yokohama, but the press-work was done in Tokyo. It is prepared as a popular souvenir of the earthquake, and makes no attempt at any scientific discussion of the phenomena, the ten pages of introductory letter-press on earthquakes in general and the short explanation attached to each plate being mainly descriptive.

In nearly one-third of the plates the objects illustrated are the temporary shelters to which the inhabitants were driven. But in those which illustrate the ruined condition of the buildings and bridges, the excellent plates give such perfect details that many points of scientific interest can be seen and studied. This is especially true of the series of five views of the Nagara iron railroad bridge. This bridge consisted of five two hundred-foot spans of trussed girders, of which one span fell entire into the river's bed, carrying down with it one end of each of the adjoining spans, yet the pictures make plain that the girders themselves were so well put together that they are but little injured by their fall. Another view shows the approach to this bridge, where the embankment has entirely sunk away, leaving the rails and ties eighteen feet up in the air. At another place where the rails have been distorted into a serpentine form, the photograph shows three distinct horizontal flexures in which the rails are at least two feet out of their alignment. Other views again illustrate the crevasses, often several feet wide, by which the ground was riven, especially

CALENDAR OF SOCIETIES.

Philosophical Society, Washington.

April 9.—W. J. McGee, Illustrations of Isostatic Pressure; Bailey Willis, Illustrations of Appalachian Structure (with lantern views); Robert T. Hill, The Geologic Evolution of the Topography of Texas (with lantern views).

Geographical Club, Philadelphia.

April 6.—Henry Pettit, The Orient and the Occident.

Contemporary Club, Philadelphia.

April 12.—Frank Hamilton Cushing, Zuni Folk-Lore.

Oriental Club, Philadelphia.

April 14.—Rev. Dr. Marcus Tastion, Psalms 24th, 73d, and 90th; Talcott Williams, Note on Arab Geography.

Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Philadelphia.

April 7.—Inman Horner, Lieutenant Gorgers's Notes on Alaskan Indians. Exhibition Alaskan Objects.

Publications Received at Editor's Office.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS. *Transactions*, Vol. VII. New York, The Institute. 8°. 647 p.
DAVIES, CHARLES. *New Elementary Algebra*. Edited by J. H. Van Amringe. New York, American Book Co. 12°. 294 p. 90 cts.
FERREE, BARR. *Christian Thought in Architecture*. New York, from the Proceedings of the American Society of Church History. 8°, paper. 32 p.
KELLER, HELEN. *Souvenir of the First Summer Meeting of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf*. 2nd ed. Washington, Volta Bureau. 4°, paper.
NATURAL SCIENCE. Vol. I., No. 1., March, 1892. London and New York, Macmillan & Co. Monthly. 8°. 80 p.
NEWALL, JANE H. *Outlines of Lessons in Botany. Part II.: Flower and Fruit*. Boston, Ginn & Co. 12°. 396 p. Ill.
PARSONS, JAMES RUSSELL, JR. *French Schools through American Eyes*. Syracuse, C. W. Bardeen. 8°. 136 p. \$1.
PHILLIPS, MORRIS. *Abroad and at Home*. New York, Brentanos. 12°. 251 p.
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Annual Report of the Board of Regents to July, 1890*. 8°. 842 p. Washington, Government.

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along the embankments of the rivers, and others the ruins of the cotton spinning mill at Nagoya.

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Princeton, April 9.

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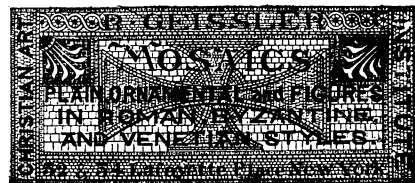


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