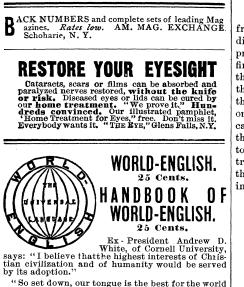
In this number the first article is on ' The Mitigation of Earthquake Effects and Certain Experiments in Earth Physics" by Professor Milne, in which various lines of experiment are proposed that might possibly lead to the prediction of severe earthquakes so as to guard against their effects. In the second, "On the Application of Photography to Seismology and Volcanic Phenomena," Professor W. K. Burton describes with illustrations the photographic records from Milne's t emor indicators. In the third Professor Milne gives an abstract of the "Seismometrical Observations for the Year 1890," from which it appears that in that year 845 earthquakes were felt in Japan, of which 49 were classed as severe, 264 as moderate and 532 as feeble. Of the severe earthquakes, four (Jan. 7, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, Nov. 17) were accorded more detailed description. In the fourth article "On the Overturning and Fracturing of Brick and other Columns, by Horizontally Applied Motion," Professor Milne and F. Omori describe a very interesting series of experiments, wherein various objects such as blocks of wood of different dimensions, bricks, columns built of brick or of cement, were mounted on a wheeled truck to which a reciprocating horizontal motion could be communicated, and the circumstances of the motion, with the overturning or fracture of the object, were electrically recorded. From the data the maximum velocity and maximum accelleration necessary for overturning were calculated and compared with the experimental results with a fairly good agreement. In an article on "Earth Pulsations in Regard to Certain Natural Phenomena and Physical Investigations," Professor Milne concludes that "the movements called earth tremors are move-

ments in the crust of the earth not altogether unlike the swell upon the ocean," and infers a connection between them and the steepness of the barometric gradient. In an article " On the Movements of Horizontal Pendulums," he gives an abstract with notes of certain observations made by Dr. E. von Rebeur-Paschwitz at Potsdam, Wilhelmshaven and Teneriffe, and published in the Astronomische Nachrichten. F. Omori gives "A Note on Old Chinese Earthquakes," and as the concluding article Professor Milne gives a twenty-page "Note on the Great Earthquake of October 28, 1891," the phenomena of which are further discussed in his report to the British Association, 1892, and the complete account of which is to be issued under the auspices of the Imperial University of Japan, but is not yet ready for publication. According to the statements of this account the killed numbered 9,960, wounded 19,994, and houses totally destroyed 128,750. The immediate cause of the disaster was the formation of a fault which can be traced on the surface of the earth for a distance of between forty and fifty miles, and shows a difference of level amounting in many places to twenty or thirty feet. There is also abundant evidence of horizontal displacements, sometimes as great as eighteen feet, and the whole Neo Valley appears to have suffered a permanent compression, becoming narrower, the piers of bridges being left closer together than before the earthquake. There were also many observations of surface waves in the earth, involving a perceptible tilting of objects resting upon it; and the maximum horizontal motion indicated by the instruments was from 25 mm. to 35 mm. with a period of from 1 to 2.5 seconds.

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