

curious information gathered from various independent sources, and from ancient and modern writers on the subject. Important statistical notes are compared and discussed in all their bearings, and partial deductions of former writers, are corrected by his own more enlarged experience. The conclusions he arrives at have already been set forth in the *Types of Mankind*, and need not now be discussed. The facts of such an observer are valuable contributions to science, independently of all deductions which to him may seem legitimately to flow from them. These are reiterated here in all their comprehensiveness, as conclusions drawn from "the long chain of facts" presented by himself and his collaborateurs in the production of the volume under review.

Such is a hasty glance at some of the varied contents of this new contribution to the science of Ethnology, from what may be specially designated as the American point of view. We have had to choose between a hasty notice of it immediately on its appearance, or a more careful study and discussion of its contents in a future number, when we must have followed, in the wake of other reviewers, and referred to a book probably already in the readers hands. We have preferred the former alternative; as our hasty notice may serve to direct the attention of some of our readers to it at an early date, and so afford them the opportunity of making for themselves such a careful and leisurely study of its varied contributions of its authors, as their merits deserve. We would only add, that the style in which the work has been produced, and the price at which it has been furnished to subscribers, amply justify the statement of the publishers, that monetary considerations have exercised little influence on the pains bestowed by the authors on their various contributions.

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SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY NOTES.

GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

CALCAREOUS CONCRETIONS FROM BUCKINGHAM, ENGLAND.

Dr. G. D. Gibb, of Guildford Street, London, has kindly forwarded to the Canadian Institute, a large collection of the peculiar concretionary bodies lately figured and described in the *Illustrated London News*, under the term of "Fossil Marine Vegetable Remains." These bodies occur in large numbers in a deposit of "brick clay" at Tingewick, near Buckingham, and are supposed to have been