

Book Reviews.

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1902-1903, by W. H. Holmes, Chief, is, as usual, a large quarto volume, comprising, in the present instance, 846 pps., well printed and profusely illustrated. The binding, which is uniform with the rest of the series, is of cloth and boards.

Included in the Report are obituary notices of two members of the staff.

John Wesley Powell was the founder and director of the Bureau, and his name is familiar to all those whose line of study caused them to examine the work put forth from time to time by the institution. Concerning him we are informed that—

“The series of volumes published by the Bureau, which are more completely Powell’s own than the world can ever know, are a splendid monument to his memory, a monument that will lose none of its impressiveness as the years and generations pass, and when, a little later, the Indian race and its unique culture are but shadows on the face of the world, and other primitive peoples have likewise passed forever out of view, this monument that Powell has reared will stand, not only for himself, but for the nation, among the most important contributions to human history ever made by an individual, an institution, or a state. The world of the future, viewing Powell’s career, will thank the guiding star that led the farmer boy to become a teacher, the teacher a soldier, the soldier an explorer, the explorer a geologist, and the geologist the historian of a vanishing race.”

Of Miss Jessie E. Thomas, librarian of the Bureau, it is stated that—

“Her extreme carefulness and methodical habits are well illustrated by the perfect order in which all her work was left, and her staunch character, modest demeanor and lovable disposition were highly appreciated by her associates.”

The Report is accompanied by a single paper, a monographic study of American Indian games, by Mr. Stewart Culin. The collection of the data therein embodied was