

and other Sioux belong, so far as their language is concerned, within the reach of the scholar in his study ; and, with the Rev. Mr. Dorsey's Omaha and Ponka tales and letters, furnishes ample material for the minute investigation of a very important series of aboriginal dialects. The Smithsonian merits the praise of all scholars for publishing notes of this kind, that private enterprise could not undertake to set before the world without very serious loss. This dictionary, and Dr. Rigg's grammar of the same tongue, will remain his enduring literary memorials.

The other volume is *The Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology for 1885-86*, but only published in 1891. It is a small folio of 410 pages, and contains 66 illustrations, some of them in colours. Besides the official report of work done by the officers of the Bureau, the volume consists of three valuable documents. These are Colonel Powell's *Indian Linguistic Families, North of Mexico* ; W. J. Hoffman's on *The Mide' wiwin or Grand Medicine Society of the Ojibwa* ; and James Mooney's on *The Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees*. Each of these papers, large enough for an ordinary volume, has its peculiar excellence, and is far in advance, in point of material and arrangement, of anything heretofore written on its individual subject. Thanks to the labour of the Bureau's head and officers,

we shall soon be as familiar with the aboriginal tribes of America, in their relationships, dialect, folk-lore, religion, manners and customs, as are the inhabitants of old seats of civilization with those of their neighbours.

The Royal Society of Canada is represented by two more papers. One of them is the Rev. Dr. Moses Harvey's, on *The Artificial Propagation of Marine Food Fishes and Edible Crustaceans*. Dr. Harvey, whose ministerial jubilee falls in this year, has long had a deservedly high reputation as a man of letters in Newfoundland. This recent work of his, covering twenty quarto pages, is a gracefully written account of what has been done in pisciculture, to which the Dominion has paid a good deal of attention. In a long conversation last year with the chief inspector of fisheries, the Talker was gratified to learn of the abundant success with which the efforts of the department have met in their hatcheries. It is said that the sea produces more food to the acre than the land, so that it is most desirable to keep up the supply in that quarter, as well as in our lakes and rivers. Those specially interested in this subject will find all that can be wished for in Dr. Harvey's pleasant and instructive pages.

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