

November. The Rev. C. J. Ball exhibits affinities between the Accadian language of Babylonia and the Chinese, probably following up the hints in that direction given by Dr. Edkins of Pekin in his *China's Place in Philology* and other works. Strange to say, Accadian or Sumero-Accadian has in its vocabulary many striking Celtic coincidences, although its grammar is discordant. The Sumerians, who are called Zimri in Jeremiah xxv. 25, are thus connected with Zimran the eldest son of Abraham and Keturah, as I showed in a paper published some years ago by the Society of Biblical Archaeology. The Zimri are the Gimiri of the Achaemenian Persian inscriptions, the Cimmericians of Greek and Latin authors, and the Cymri of Wales. It would be interesting to find that they and the ancestors of the Chinese once dwelt side by side on the Euphrates, simultaneously developing the kilt and the bagpipes, pigtailed and fire-crackers. The Rev. W. Houghton (it is pleasant to see how much science owes to the clergy after all) has an article on *The Tree and Fruit represented by the Tappuakh of the Hebrew Scriptures*. This is the apple of our English version. After discussing apples, which are scarce in Palestine, and apricots which are abundant, Mr. Houghton decides in favor of the quince. If it is anything like the Canadian Quince, there are not many people who with the Shulmite would desire to be comforted with Tappuakhs.

The Halifax Morning Herald for December 11th and 12th contains a long abstract of Professor Hind's paper before the Historical Society on *Facts of Local History*. Dealing with the Acadians and their expulsion from Nova Scotia, Professor Hind set forth the misrepresentations of the Abbé Casgrain and M. Rameau, and completely vindicated Dr. Parkman and Sir Adams Archibald from the charges brought against them by these gentlemen. Showing that the Abbé Casgrain has been notoriously careless and incorrect in his quotations and partisan in his statements of fact, the lecturer exhibited the unhappy influence produced on the Acadians by the French missionaries, whom he charges on good authority with inciting their flocks to treason and bloodshed. Professor Hind's paper has created a sensation, and will no doubt be made use of by the much abused national party as an evidence of the vindictiveness and want of reverence of the wicked English-Canadian.

