

to Mr. Tyrrell's paper and the above examples have been given as representative of nine-tenths of the matter it is composed of; but it is only fair to conclude by indicating such passages and endeavors as are worthy of commendation. Its chief value is as a philological contribution, his records of the Indian names cannot fail to be of use, though even here his besetting sin greatly detracts from the value of the work, for he adopts no special alphabet and uses no diacritical marks, so that the pronunciation is left pretty much in the same state of uncriticisable uncertainty that is characteristic of the paper.

In one or two instances however our author has given us notes that are suggestive of the real observer, and whenever he has done so we get a glimpse of capabilities for doing work of considerable value. I might instance his remarks on the Wapiti, Buffalo, Hoary Marmot, Blue Fox,—though by the way he has apparently not read Mr. Nelson's article on the subject—and on several of the Seals—with quotations here properly acknowledged.

It is always a pleasure to welcome a beginner in any field, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Tyrrell will not misunderstand what is meant for quite friendly criticism, but will recognize the absolute necessity of reproof when so many vital principles of scientific work are violated; and further we cannot but hope that in the near future we may be favoured with something from Mr. Tyrrell's pen that shall be more worthy of one whose travels have been so extensive and whose opportunities and capabilities are so much beyond the average.