

and the Aymara and Quichua of the Southern Continent; and, intermediate between the Asiatic and American divisions, the Peninsular languages of Asia will occupy an important position. The Altaic languages least in sympathy with this family are the Mongol, whose affinities are largely Dravidian. At the base of this large family the Accad stands, whose relations are probably more Peninsular than anything else; and next to the Accad in point of antiquity and philological importance is the pre-Aryan Celtic, which lives in the Quichua of to-day, as I showed in a contribution to the Société Americaine de France, and in a list published by Dr. Hyde Clarke in the Journal of the Anthropological Institute. Dr. Hyde Clarke had long before connected the Accad and the Quichua-Aymara, and had linked the Houssa with the Basque. He has also directed attention to Basque similarities in Japanese and Loo-Choo. Most of the tribes composing this family were known to the ancients as Scythians, so that the ancestors of our modern Iroquois may have over-run Media and plundered the Temple of Venus at Ascalon, tantalized the army of Darius or talked with Herodotus in the Crimea. Types of mankind, in a savage state, do not greatly change, as may be seen by comparing the Tinneh or Algonquin tribes with the Iroquois and Choctaw. Languages long retain their earliest forms, as is apparent in the Japanese *somots* and Loo-Choo *shimutzi*, which are just the old Accadian *sumu*; *samok*, a book, that were spoken in ancient Babylonia perhaps four thousand years ago. This continent may yet furnish materials in philology and kindred departments to lay side by side with the literary and art treasures of the ancient seats of empire on the Euphrates and Tigris, by which to restore the page of long-forgotten history. At any rate there is a path from the Old World into the New by the Asiatic Continent, as well as by the islands of the sea. Discouragements enough have been placed in the scholar's way by one-sided minds and students of a single language or science. It is time to treat them with the contempt that all narrowness deserves, and to aim at making ethnology more than a statement of unsolved problems.

It would be well for all who hold the essential diversity of American from other grammatical forms, to ponder the statement of one, who, himself no mean philologist, has generally shown little favour to any attempts that have been made to reconcile the Old World and the New in point of language. I allude to M. Lucien