

of the North-West Coast. To the paper is appended a vocabulary of about 700 words of the language of the tribes referred to in its different dialects.

The meeting as a whole was a successful one, the attendance being fairly large; of the thirty papers in Section IV—not counting those presented by special delegates—one-half were by persons not members of the Society, a number far in excess of former years. † This is a tendency which should be promptly discouraged. While it may be desirable to admit the papers of non-members on application, and under suitable restrictions, their solicitation, or their unlimited admission, is an indication which can be viewed only with apprehension. Only an injurious influence can result, since the admission of such papers not only places the regular members at a disadvantage, by consuming time which would otherwise be devoted to discussion, but it reduces the advantage of membership to its lowest terms. The final result must be either an expansion of the Society much beyond its present limits, or a sensible decrease in membership.

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## REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTICES.

### THE AINOS.

Conspicuous among the exceedingly creditable memoirs issued by the Imperial University of Japan, is a recently issued number—the first from the College of Literature—by Prof. B. H. Chamberlain, on “The Language, Mythology and Geographical Nomenclature of Japan, Viewed in the Light of Aino Studies, including an Ainu Grammar.” Although not dealing with the Ainos exhaustively, this memoir covers the ground indicated by the title, very thoroughly and conscientiously, and it is by far the most important recent contribution to our knowledge of these people, that has appeared.

Prof. Chamberlain has been fortunate in securing the co-operation of Mr. Batchelor. This gentleman was intimately