

an abundance of the magney plant, or great cactus, which he called fusang, after a chinese plant slightly resembling it, and this name (Fusang) he applied to the country itself. Leland's book is well worth reading.

(f) In July, 1875, was held, in Nancy, France, the first meeting of the Congrès International des Américanistes, a society which has been organized for the sole purpose of thoroughly investigating the pre-Columbian history of the American continent. The *compte rendu* of this session has been published in two large octavo volumes, by Maisonneuve et Cie., Paris. In the first volume will be found many valuable papers on the discovery of America by the Phenicians, Chinese, Irish, Norsemen, Welsh; and on the relation of these discoveries to the transatlantic voyages by Columbus. The second meeting of this society will be held, September, 1877, in Luxembourg, and there can be no doubt that it will in course of time produce a unique library of papers and discussions on pre-Columbian America. We are glad to notice that the savans who assembled in Nancy in 1875 fully recognized the claims of the Norsemen.*

*To this list might be added Bayard Taylor's "Egypt and Iceland;" Caton's "Summer in Norway;" Griffin's "My Danish Days;" and John S. C. Abbott's "Christopher Columbus;" in all of which the Norse claims are vindicated. The last is in part a reply to the above-mentioned work of Aaron Goodrich.