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BOOK NOTICES.

A Lenâpé-English Dictionary. From an Anonymous MS. in the Archives of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem, Pa. Edited, with Additions, by Daniel G. Brinton, A. M., M. D., Professor of Archæology and Linguistics in the University of Pennsylvania, and Rev. Albert Seqaqkind Anthony, Assistant Missionary to the Delawares and Six Nations, Canada. Philadelphia: The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1888. (The Pennsylvania Students' Series. Vol. I. Philadelphia: The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1889.)

Doctor Brinton has laid students of American linguistics under many and deep obligations, and the volume just issued will materially increase the debt. The "Lenâpé-English Dictionary" is the first of a series of volumes relating to the history of Pennsylvania which are intended to be issued by the Pennsylvania Historical Society. The present book does not purport to be, by any means, a complete dictionary of the Lenâpé language. It represents simply the dialect employed by the Moravian missionaries, about the period of 1840, and is chiefly derived from a manuscript in the Moravian archives at Bethlehem, presumably compiled by Mr. Dencke. In its preparation Doctor Brinton was fortunate in being able to secure the co-operation of the Rev. Albert Seqaqkind Anthony, a native Lenâpé, who is perfectly familiar with his language as spoken on the Six Nation Reservation, in Ontario, Canada. In addition to his valuable verification of the form and meaning of the words, this Indian scholar has made many emendations and additions from the present standpoint of the language and from the dialect of the Minsi sub-tribe, thus adding much to the substance and value of the work. Taken in connection with Zeisberger's Dictionary, the student has a very complete dictionary of the Delaware language, though the latter volume is by no means to be compared to the present work in point of accuracy and scholarship. The original dictionary was written, of course, in the German alphabet, which would impair its usefulness to the English student had not

Doctor Brinton furnished a key to the more important alphabetic differences. The extreme clearness and beauty of the type and the general make-up of the volume might serve as a model for future works of this character. A well-prepared index, which is really in the nature of an alphabetically arranged cross-reference, renders easy the reference from English to Lenâpé, and to a great extent makes unnecessary an English-Lenâpé dictionary.

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Among Cannibals, an Account of Four Years' Travels in Australia and of Camp-Life with the Aborigines of Queensland by Carl Lumholdz, M. A., Member of the Royal Society of Sciences of Norway, Translated by Rasmus B. Anderson, Ex-United States Minister to Denmark, with Portrait, Maps, Four Chromo-Lithographs and Wood-Cuts. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. 1889.

This is an octavo volume of nearly 400 pages, handsomely printed, showily bound, and well illustrated. Much of the text is occupied by the personal adventures of the author, descriptions of scenery and of the life of European colonists in Australia, but there is not more than enough of such matter to afford a general interest to the work and to give the reader a fair idea of the surroundings of the race which forms the main subject of the work—the Cannibals of Australia.

The author seems to have gone to the southeastern continent primarily as a zoologist. Anthropology was a secondary consideration in the beginning, but before he left the country it became uppermost in his thoughts. It was to find a mammal new to science that this explorer undertook his most perilous journey, with only native companions, among the wild mountains of northern Queensland; but on his toilsome marches he gathered information that the anthropologist will value far beyond the hard-won skins of the *boongary*, which he went into the wilderness to seek. He adopted the best and, we might almost say, the only method of acquiring original ethnographic facts; he trusted his life among the treacherous natives, lived with them and shared a common lot with them.

The statements which he offers us as the results of a specific purpose in investigation are of great value, but the little items which he has picked up by the wayside when he had apparently no direct aim