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treatise designed for general reading, though the less surprising in view of the author's equally persistent magnification of the glories and beauties of the Celt. The little book is neatly printed, and illustrated with four somatologic maps, but is without an index.

*The History of Mankind.* By PROFESSOR FRIEDRICH RATZEL. Translated from the second German edition by A. J. Butler, M. A. Volume III. London : Macmillan and Co., Limited. New York : The Macmillan Company, 1898. Roy. 8°, xiii, 599 pp., ills.

So much has already been said in commendation of the first two volumes of Butler's translation of Ratzel's work that it seems almost unnecessary to comment on the third volume, which, published late in 1898, crowns the success of a noteworthy undertaking. As a reference work to the anthropologist, in whatever special field his attention may be directed, and as a series of great text-books to the English-reading layman interested in the Science of Man, this improved English edition of Ratzel's *Völkerkunde* is of pronounced value. It takes the place of numerous works of similar scope that have appeared during the last half-century, but which have become inadequate by reason of the strides which Anthropology has made during that period. The third volume continues the treatment, in ample manner, of the negro races (the Africans of the interior and the West Africans), as well as of the cultured races of the Old World. The mechanical excellence of the previous volumes is maintained throughout volume III, which is illustrated with two colored maps, eleven colored plates, and two hundred and sixty-seven other illustrations—all essential to the elucidation of the text of a work of this kind, and all beautifully reproduced. A copious index of the work (twenty pages) and an index of all the illustrations in the series (ten pages) complete the volume.

F. W. HODGE.

*Ruins of the Saga Time : Being an Account of Travels and Explorations in Iceland in the Summer of 1895,* by THORSTEINN ERLINGSSON, on behalf of Miss Cornelia Horsford, Cambridge, U. S. A. With an introduction by F. T. Norris and Fón Stefánsson, Ph.D., and a résumé, in French, by E. D. Grand. London : David Nutt, 1899. 8°, 112 pp., ills., map.

In 1895 Miss Cornelia Horsford of Cambridge, Massachusetts, commissioned Dr Valtýr Guðmundsson, Professor of the University of Copenhagen, and an Icelander by birth, to select a man of ability for the archeologic exploration of Iceland, in order to obtain definite answers to a series of questions formulated by her. These answers are

expected to shed light on the origin of certain antiquarian remains now existing on Charles river, Mass., and elsewhere in America. Dr Guðmundsson is the author of a standard work on the subject, bearing the title *House Building in Iceland in Saga Times* (1898). As the head of the exploring party he selected Thorsteinn Erlingsson, who started from Copenhagen on June 1st and arrived at Reykjavík on the 11th, whence he started for the eastern districts of the island, where traveling is extremely difficult from want of good roads and owing to the lack of transportation facilities and the severity of the weather. After examining over 218 ruins, Erlingsson returned to Reykjavík on October 1st. The remains which he visited and excavated were found to be of intense interest, for many of them are over four hundred years old, and consist of long and square houses, hillside cots with pavements, mounds, *things* (open-air law-courts), and doom rings, irrigation and drainage ditches, river dams, *hithes* (harbors), shipdocks or *nausts*, grave-hills, farms, and forts. Photographing was made quite difficult owing to wind and rain; nevertheless the photographic illustrations in the volume give excellent representations of most of the objects observed and studied. It seems that from Mr Grand's résumé in French many things can be better understood than from the English rendering of the Danish original. A large map and three indexes are subjoined and make reference easy. The method adopted by Miss Horsford for comparing the antiquarian remains in New England with similar structures in Iceland, the home of the Norse discoverers of Vineland, is most praiseworthy. The present work supplements that undertaken by Miss Horsford's father, the late Prof. Eben Norton Horsford, as well as her own investigations which have borne fruit in a paper published in the *National Geographic Magazine* (1898, pp. 73-84) under the title *Dwellings of the Saga Time in Greenland, Iceland, and Vineland*. In this paper the "Saga time" of Scandinavia is estimated to begin about 875 A.D., and to end about 150 years later, for this is the period of the discovery, colonization, and early history of Iceland as well as of Scandinavia.

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*Hondureñismos. Vocabulario de los provincialismos de Honduras.* Por ALBERTO MEMBREÑO. Segunda edición corregida y aumentada. Tegucigalpa: 1897. 8°, xiv, 269 pp.

The limited acquaintance which those of the outside world have of Honduras, its history, culture, and languages, makes acceptable any contribution that is likely to render knowledge concerning its interesting and diversified population. Among the two thousand words