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This paper is posted at ScholarlyCommons. http://repository.upenn.edu/han/vol1/iss1/9 For more information, please contact repository@pobox.upenn.edu. statement that Morgan was too deep for Professor Putnam, and that Professor Putnam could not understand him. This remark the student, Mr. Knoblauch, must certainly have heard.

Dr. Dorsey feeling that this was an outrage, came into my office, immediately on the departure of Dr. Fewkes, and told me about it, and I had the above taken down from Dr. Dorsey's dictation.

In relation to Mr. Morgan: He and I were the best of friends and for several years after 1874 he was in the habit of making me a yearly visit and staying at my house for a week or more at a time and I also visited him several times in Rochester. At these visits we always discussed anthropological matters and his views and theories were often the special subject of our discussions. During one of these visas I distinctly remembered he stated that he was living its a generation too early and got founded in his beliefs before he had the facts now on hand, but that it was too late to renew his work and do it all over with the knowledge of late discoveries and that I must take the matter up and show where he had made mistakes and also what of his would stand. (He died in Dec. 1881.)

Once when talking upon the subject with Dr. Dorsey I told him not to follow Morgan too closely as Morgan had himself felt that some of his views should be greatly modified.

QUERIES

I am currently engaged in a project related to the American Ethnological Society between the years 1840 and 1851. If anyone can shed information on the whereabouts of the papers for this Society during this time, I would appreciate it. Robert E. Bieder, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

NEWS AND NOTES

HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society's meetings in San Francisco this December will include a panel on "Form and Function: Women as the Object of Scientific Study," in which Elizabeth Fee (SUNY, Binghamton) will present a paper on "Mothers and Matriarchies in 19th Century Anthropology."