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way, are excellent, scattered promiscuously through the volume, instead of being so placed as to be adjacent to the passages in the text which they illustrate? It is distinctly annoying to be compelled to hunt through the volume for a plate referred to in the text, and, while such arrangement may be attractive as "ground bait" to the prospective purchaser, who sees illustrations at frequent and regular intervals, as he casts a hasty eye over the volume, it is very trying, to the serious reader and by no means welcome to those who will make most use of the book. A review without a growl in it is apt to savour of insincerity, but this is our chief, almost our only growl, and even this is well intentioned.

HENRY BALFOUR.

Africa, West.

Benton.

Notes on Some Languages of the Western Sudan. By P. Askill **102**
Benton, B.A., F.R.G.S. Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press, 1912.

Kanuri Readings. By the same author. Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press. Price 6d. net.

These little books show great application and hard work on the part of the author, and the material collected will be most useful to officials in the Bornu Province of Northern Nigeria—even to those in other parts of the Protectorate—and also, as he hopes, "to those who are able to use it for purposes of comparative philology."

The first includes notes on Bolanchi and the Budduma language, 24 unpublished vocabularies of Barth, extracts from correspondence regarding Richardson's and Barth's expeditions; and a few Hausa riddles and proverbs, all of which are valuable and interesting.

The other book, as its title indicates, contains a few stories, with facsimiles of the Kanuri writing (Arabic characters), interlinear translation, and notes, also an English-Kanuri vocabulary. The notes are very numerous, and they and the vocabulary will be a great help to students of the language.

A. J. N. T.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL NOTE.

On Saturday, September 14th, 1912, at the concluding session of the Fourteenth Congrès International d'Anthropologie et d'Archéologie préhistoriques, the following proposition was submitted by the Council and passed *nem. con.*:— **103**

Ayant été informé officiellement de la prochaine fondation d'un nouveau congrès devant s'occuper particulièrement d'ethnographie et d'anthropologie somatique, le conseil et le bureau de la XIV Session du Congrès d'Anthropologie et d'Archéologie préhistoriques, réunie à Genève, propose aux membres du congrès d'émettre le vœu que des relations amicales s'établissent dès à présent entre les deux congrès, afin d'éviter tout ce qui pourrait nuire à l'un ou à l'autre, et qu'au contraire tout soit mis en œuvre pour favoriser leurs intérêts réciproques.

The organising committee of the new Congress was represented at Geneva by Messrs. Capitan, Duckworth, Hrdlička, and myself. We were received with the greatest courtesy by the members of the Council and Bureau of the Geneva Congress, who one and all showed themselves perfectly ready to welcome the idea of a congress interesting itself primarily in the various aspects of the nature and life of the primitive man of to-day. Their expressed desire that the two Congresses should not stand in each other's light can be met to a large extent by arranging that if, as is probable, their Congress next assembles in 1915, the new Congress be held in the following year.

R. R. MARETT, Organising Secretary.

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