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representation of the new discoveries of the time. The Homem map, of which Dr. Wieder was able to secure a photographic copy on eight separate plates, may thus serve, he thinks, to restore for us one of the most important cartographic documents of the sixteenth century. For the New York region at least—to judge from a rough sketch accompanying the paper—it also shows a close resemblance to other Portuguese and Spanish maps of the period, among them one in the Society's collection without name or date, but evidently Portuguese and about contemporary with Lopo Homem's.

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Russia: From the Varangians to the Bolsheviks.— **Raymond Beazley, Nevill Forbes, and G. A. Birkett.** Pp. 601 and xxiv. *Sketch-maps.* Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1918. 8s. 6d. *net.*

Problems confronting Russia: A Retrospect and Forecast. **Baron A. Heyking.** Pp. 219 and xvi. London: P. S. King & Co. 1918. 10s. 6d. *net.*

THE first of these works is an admirably clear sketch of Russian history in which three authors have collaborated. Prof. Beazley writes on mediæval Russia, Mr. Forbes on the founding of the Russian Empire, and Mr. Birkett continues the story until the abdication of the Tsar in 1917. The present state of Russia does not fall within the scope of the book. There are many geographical considerations in Prof. Beazley's section and some in Mr. Forbes' brilliant and fascinating chapters. Mr. Ernest Barker contributes an introduction. The volume will be welcomed as one of the few available works on Russian history within a reasonable compass and at a moderate price. There are several sketch-maps and a useful bibliography.

Baron Heyking, who was formerly Consul-General in London, has collected a number of essays most of which originally appeared in various publications. The essays range over a variety of topics, including religious tolerance, Bolshevik political economy, Russo-Indian trade, the suppression of vodka, and the position of women. Baron Heyking's main theme is the necessity for the maintenance of close relations between the British and Russian people.

Poland: Her people, history, industries, finance, science, literature, art, and social development.— Edited by **E. Piltz.** London: H. Jenkins. 1919. 6s. *net.*

This is an English version of the 'Petite Encyclopédie Polonaise,' and appears to be the forerunner of a Polish Encyclopedia on a much larger scale now in preparation in Switzerland. The volume is in narrative form, easily arranged for reference, but the purely geographical matter is very scanty. There are five historical sketch-maps, but no orographical map, which is really a serious omission in a work of this nature. However, the volume should be useful in these days, and is commendably cheap for its size.

Annalen der Schweiz. Landeshydrographie, herausgegeben durch Dr. Léon W. Collet, Direktor der Abteilung für Wasserwirtschaft. Bände I., II., and III. Zu beziehen beim Sekretariat der Abteilung für Wasserwirtschaft in Bern. 1915-18. *Price* (Bd. I.) 15 *fr.*; (Bde. II., III.) 12 *fr. each.*

The Swiss Home Office is issuing a series of hydrological studies, intended chiefly to provide information to engineers for such practical undertakings as