

December, 1868, he brought half the admiralty chiefs to a meeting of the Astronomical Society to support his schemes for occupying Antarctic stations. That this thoroughly misled me, I readily admit.

Your critic may be right in condemning *Other Worlds than Ours*, but scarcely in extending his condemnation to *Other Suns than Ours*, and adding that "its contents confirm the evil prognostic of its title;" for though I announced three years ago my intention of writing such a work, I have not yet had leisure to complete it. Cannot your critic wait even till a work is written, before denouncing it?

In reply to the question how often I have quoted Richter's dream, I may reply that I have twice done so (in books), and this only because I could not conveniently do so thrice or oftener.

RICHARD A. PROCTOR.

WORTHING, August 31, 1874.

In some respects Mr. Proctor has not done the review to which he takes exception full justice: for example, we did not state that his book on Saturn was a "success" on our own responsibility, but referred to "the too candid biographer" as authority. In several of the sketches of Mr. Proctor's life which appeared during his brief stay with us, the statement was made that the success of his early books induced him to earn a large sum of money to pay certain debts, etc., by writing similar works. All of Mr. Proctor's friends will regret to learn that the too candid biographer was mistaken; and we regret this still more as he himself tells us that the success of his bad books created a sale for his "more solid" ones, thus demonstrating the existence of a vicious public taste.

With regard to the Astronomer Royal's views as to the selection of stations for observing the Transit of Venus, we quote from a report of an address made by him to the Royal Astronomical Society on this subject (see *Monthly Notices R. A. S.*, Feb. 1874, p. 176): "The general principle in the selection of these stations has been that no party of astronomers should be sent to a station where there were no human beings, and where a boat could not land once in a month."

We will not refer to Mr. Proctor's idea of our views of his veracity further than to suggest that it lends no weight to his objections.

His chart of three hundred and twenty-four thousand stars we have never included among his popular works.

The mentioning of *Other Suns than Ours* as a published book and as a bad book was an undoubted slip, for which Mr. Proctor has our apology. But in extenuation, we submit that since 1868 Mr. Proctor has published at least *twenty* different volumes, and that a striking peculiarity of many of these is that their titles are like the parts of a Waltham watch, "warranted mutually interchangeable;" and however unsatisfactory this may be to Mr. Proctor, we confess that we take great comfort in the contemplation of the fact.

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Among recent German publications the first number of a review which aims at being the leading literary organ of the new empire certainly claims our attention. The number of periodicals, each of which confines itself pretty closely to its own line of investigation, is as great in Germany as one would expect from the thoroughness of the investigators who contribute to them, and the vast variety of the subjects to which their attention is given. There are two or three papers or magazines reporting the latest discoveries, and discussing the latest books in every branch of study. Literary criticism has by no means gone begging, but there has been no organ which could stand as the vehicle of communication between the best writers and those readers who demanded the latest results of study, without an ardent curiosity about the methods of investigation. This vacant place it is intended that the *Deutsche Rundschau* shall fill. It is modeled after the admirable *Revue des Deux Mondes*, being intended to contain short stories, literary and scientific essays, notices of new books, theatrical and musical news from both Berlin and Vienna, and a retrospect of the political news of the month.

The first number contains a good list of articles from well-known writers. Auerbach and Theodor Storm contribute short stories. Anastasius Grün has a poem; Heinrich von Sybel an historical article on the First Partition of Poland; Professor Cohn, of Breslau, an article called Botanical Problems; Friedrich Kreyssig reviews

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