

that, in some far-distant age, men may search in the mounds that will mark the site of Johannesburg for evidence of the origin and history of the miners and builders of the nineteenth century.

*The Life of John William Walshe, F.S.A.*  
Edited, with an introduction, by Montgomery Carmichael. E. P. Dutton & Co. 1902.

The uninitiated reader will find reason for doubts as to the nature of the literary product which confronts him here. The opening chapters are so full of realistic detail that the elaborate apparatus of the Introduction seems not needed to support the pretence, or confirm the impression, of biographic veracity. Those which follow introduce a liberal element of romance; but, before the middle of the book is reached, edification and instruction abound in measure suited only to a tract. The sensitive child of a stupid and brutal father, after woful experience at home, in a Dotheboys Hall, and in a counting-house, flees at eighteen to Italy, where he falls at once into the arms of a phenomenal English scholar. Thenceforth all is roseate, except for the hero's self-macerations, mental and physical. The blessing of Heaven and of the Church rests upon a land of grateful peasants, beneficent landlords, pure and tender-hearted priests, and confessors so wise and disinterested that they find no vocation to holy orders in the most gifted and wealthy laymen.

In this idyllic scene carnalities are merely the background, and external events have little place; we are invited to contemplate the growth of the hero's character and his exemplary habits as a student. "His own intimate life was that of a holy person of the Middle Ages in word, thought, and deed"; in later years he "was subject to ecstasies or raptures." Yet his superior intellect was singularly well furnished and systematically exercised. Heraldry, which seems here to be a peculiarly Catholic science, had done a good deal for him in youth; and Latin, which was his delight as a boy, is, of course, the only adequate tongue alike for study and for devotion. "Logic and scholastic philosophy kept him sane in his views." The Church, he remembered, has the only accurate logic and all the methodized knowledge that is of any value; as for the world without, it lies in folly no less than in wickedness. The "literary and scientific men" of England are a surprisingly ignorant set: "the wisest of them did not know the difference between a monk and a friar, or a martyr and a confessor, or an amice and an amess," etc. (see pp. 221-2).

As all this falls naturally under the heading, "Important if True," it is as well to

know that John William Walshe, F.S.A., who "was well known to scholars as perhaps the greatest living authority on matters Franciscan," and who "died on the 2d July, 1900, aged sixty-three, at Assisi, in Umbria," is but the product of Mr. Carmichael's busy brain. To what extent his author shared the views of this alleged memoir, supposed to be written by the subject's son, since also deceased—views for which he twice humorously in notes evades responsibility—or whether he is throughout smiling over the mystification, it were considering too curiously to inquire. In either case he, as literary executor of his mythical friend, has yet to publish the thirty-four volumes of Notes on Franciscan and other topics, with numerous other MSS., and (after twenty years), the "Recollections" and Diary on which the present sketch is based.

*Antarctica.* By Edwin Swift Balch. Philadelphia: Press of Allen, Lane & Scott. 1902. Charts. Pp. 230.

The object of the author of this important monograph is twofold—to give a complete guide to the literature and cartography of the South Polar region, and to show that chief among its explorers is an American. Mr. Balch divides his work into three periods, the first beginning with the voyage of Amerigo Vespucci in 1502, though he refers to the conjectures of the ancients, especially of the Chaldean Seleukos, B. C. 170-125, as to the existence of a southern continent. It closes with the voyage in 1775 which gave to Capt. James Cook "the second place among antarctic explorers." The next and most important period includes the remarkable achievement of Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer, a Connecticut sealer, who, in the sloop *Hero*, "but little rising forty tons," in 1821 discovered a group of islands which a Russian navigator, Bellingshausen, in gratitude for services rendered him by the Yankee skipper, as well as in admiration for his exploits, has called Palmer Archipelago. The U. S. Exploring Expedition in 1838-42, under the command of Lieut. Charles Wilkes, appropriately closes the review. "No finer achievement" than this voyage, says our author, "has been accomplished in the annals of the Arctic or of the Antarctic. With unsuitable, improperly equipped ships, amid icebergs, gales, snowstorms, and fogs, Wilkes followed an unknown coast line for over fifteen hundred miles." Emphasis is laid upon this because indications are not wanting of a disposition to ignore the claim of Wilkes to the honor of being the first to discover the Antarctic Continent. For instance, the name Wilkes Land given to this coast, though to be found in the *Times* Atlas, has no place on the chart in the En-

cyclopædia Britannica or in the latest edition of Chambers's Encyclopædia.

Mr. Balch briefly records what has been accomplished in the last fifty years, and closes with a reference to the English, German, and Swedish expeditions now engaged in the exploration of the Antarctic region. He adds to each of his statements a note giving his authority, and some idea of his painstaking labor may be formed from the fact that these are more than three hundred in number, and that the index includes some five hundred proper names. To his accuracy we can bear this testimony, that, after a somewhat careful examination, only one typographical error has been detected, the misspelling of Stieler on p. 164. Among the curious bits of information scattered here and there through the work is the statement "that there is no apparent record of any woman having passed beyond 60° south latitude." There are reproductions of portions of two old charts, and one by the author showing the latest discoveries.

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