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The PRESIDENT, in returning thanks to Sir Henry Rawlinson for his able analysis of the memoirs of the unknown German author as translated by M. Veniukof, said he could only account for the credibility attached to that narrative by such an able Russian geographer as M. Khanikof, by the circumstance that neither he nor any Russian geographer had explored the region of Pamir. As, however, this rugged, lofty, and sterile country lies midway between the British and Russian frontiers, he confidently hoped that its true geographical features would soon be accurately defined by the geographers of both countries, so that we may no longer have to speculate on the degree of truth which ought or ought not to be attached to the writings of so mysterious a person as the unnamed and unknown traveller of the beginning of the present century.\*

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*Tenth Meeting, April 23rd, 1866.*

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*William W. Blow, Esq.*; *John C. C. Boyd, Esq.*; *Hugh Cleghorn, Esq., M.D.*; *Edmund Foster, Jun., Esq.*; *George H. Gibb, Esq.*; *Robinson Hudson, Esq.*; *William G. M'Ivor, Esq.*; *John Keith Rennie, Esq., M.A.*

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY SINCE THE LAST MEETING, 26TH MARCH, 1866.—‘A Directory for the Navigation of the Indian Ocean,’ by A. G. Findlay, Esq. ‘Histoire physique, économique et politique du Paraguay, et des établissements des Jesuites,’ par M. L. A. Demersay. ‘Address delivered before the Maine Historical Society, 28th August, 1863,’ by G. Folsom, Esq. ‘Sur l’État de l’Atmosphère à Bruxelles, 1865,’ par M. E. Quetelet. ‘What shall we do with the Hudson’s Bay Territory?’ by T. Rawlings, Esq. ‘Notice of an Account of Geological Observations in China, Japan, and Mongolia,’ by R. Pumpelly, Esq. All presented by their respective authors. ‘An Account of the ancient and ruined City of Brahminabad in Sindh, situated on a Branch of the old bed of the Indus,’ by A. F. Bellasis, Esq. Presented by J. Brunton, Esq., C.E., F.R.G.S. ‘Voyage au Pole boréal, fait en 1773,’ par Constantine-Jean Phipps. Presented by E. Whympers, Esq. ‘Ten Months in the Fiji Islands,’ by Mrs. Smythe; with an Introduction and Appendix, by Col. W. J. Smythe, R.A., &c. Presented by the authoress. ‘A Catalogue of Authors who have written on Rio de la Plata, Paraguay, and Chaco,’ collected by Dalrymple; with additions by Sir W. Parish, K.C.H., &c. Presented by Sir Woodbine Parish, K.C.H., &c. ‘Beschryvinge van den Grieschische Archipel,’ door den R. v. K. Presented by

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\* With regard to the subject of this evening’s discussion, it will be necessary to consult a recent letter from M. Khanikof, which will be printed in the current Volume of the ‘Proceedings.’—ED.

S. M. Drach, Esq., F.R.S., &c. 'Claudius Ptolemy and the Nile,' by A. D. Cooley, Esq. Presented by the author. 'Die Planzen der Pfahlbauten,' von Dr. O. Heer. Presented by J. M. Ziegler, Esq. Continuations of Journals, Periodicals, &c.

ACCESSIONS TO THE MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING.— Sources of the Nile: copying of an ancient map by Girolamo de Verazano in 1492, preserved in the archives at Rome. Presented by Baron Jochmus. Second Part of Fullarton's 'Imperial Atlas of England and Wales,' on 2 sheets. Presented by the publishers. Map of Buenos Ayres, on 6 sheets, by Don Saturnino Salas, Hon. Corr. Mem. R.G.S., 2 copies. Presented by the author. Map of Jamaica, by J. Arrowsmith, Esq. Hypsometrical Map of Switzerland, with letter-press, by J. M. Ziegler, Hon. Corr. Mem. R.G.S. French Charts, 19 sheets. Ordnance Maps, 91 sheets.

The PRESIDENT said he had the pleasure of announcing that he had received from Australia much more favourable accounts than had heretofore come to hand of the progress of the expedition, led by Mr. M'Intyre, in search of the remains of Leichhardt's party. The news received a few weeks ago was very unfavourable, and led to the supposition that, as all the horses had perished, the expedition might have to be abandoned. It appeared that for many years there had never been such a drought as had occurred last year, in that part of Australia through which the expedition was proceeding, and the horses died absolutely from want of water. The camels, however, had been preserved, and the party had now reached a well-watered grass country; and having been again properly equipped, they were starting to go westward through a country in which it was expected they would meet no more obstacles. He mentioned this subject because the Council of the Geographical Society had advanced 200*l.* in aid of the search for the relics of that very notable expedition under Leichhardt, and possibly to assist in saving the lives of some of the party. Her Majesty the Queen was so much interested in this question that she had subscribed 100*l.* towards the same object. Other subscriptions (including one of 25*l.* from Mr. Cardwell, H.M. Colonial Secretary) had been received; and when these were announced in Australia they would go a great way in making the colonists feel the deep interest we took in any expedition which they had set their heart upon. It was always his endeavour to keep up, as much as possible, a right feeling between the great Australian colonies and our own country. The colonial Governments had indeed subscribed most munificently to support this expedition.

The following Papers were then read by the respective authors :—

1. *Notes on Peking and its Neighbourhood.* By W. LOCKHART, Esq., F.R.C.S.

THE author, who stated that he resided several years at Peking as surgeon in the hospital established to afford medical aid to the Chinese by the London Missionary Society, commenced his paper by an historical sketch of the city. He then gave a detailed account of its present state. In speaking of the annual visits of the tribu-