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correction to be applied to the local time to bring it into harmony with the universal. The scheme is worked out with numerous examples. A defence of the principle of local time also appears in the current number of the *Journal* of the Manchester Geographical Society: but in spite of all that can be said for this system, it is unlikely to be generally adopted. The fact that so large a portion of the Earth's surface has already adopted the hour-zone reckoning from Greenwich (*Proceedings*, 1892, p. 465) is enough of itself to ensure the ultimate adoption of that system everywhere.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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SALAGA, October 8th, 1892.

TO THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, LONDON.

The geographical position of Salaga in the Hinterland of the Gold Coast, West Africa, has been frequently discussed. The discrepancy between different maps as to longitude amounts in some cases to 50'. Personally, I am convinced that Capt. Binger's longitude is wrong to a considerable extent. If it were right, the magnetic variation on the way from Akra to Salaga would be easterly, not westerly, and a large portion of Dahomé would have to be attached to the colony of Lagos. As a matter of fact, there is no place on the Gold or Slave Coasts the position of which has been really satisfactorily determined; and we may look for errors of from 1' to 3' in the generally accepted positions.

I beg to draw the attention of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society to this matter, in the hope that they may use their influence in the proper quarter in order to have the positions of certain places—say Akra on the Gold Coast, Lagos and Akassa on the Slave Coast finally determined by telegraph.

I remain, &c.,

GOTTLOB ADOLF KRAUSE,

Ada, Gold Coast.

OBITUARY.

Major-General Shdanoff.—We regret extremely to have to announce the premature death of Major-General Shdanoff, chief of the Topographical Section of the Caucasus Military District, who was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society only last summer. As director of the Caucasian Survey, General Shdanoff rendered great services to cartography and travellers. He was instrumental in carrying out the resurvey of the mountain region which is still in progress, and of which some of the first fruits in the shape of preliminary sheets have from time to time reached the Society. One of his last acts was to send two sheets of this survey to our Secretaries, who received them after the news of his death. In the new map the physical features of the chain are for the first time laid down with any approach to accuracy in

* Translation.