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He also wrote extensively on other subjects. Dr. Mackay's eldest son, inheriting his father's geographical tastes, and having also a remarkable aptitude for engineering, became one of the earliest missionaries to take up residence in Central Africa, and his name, "Mackay of Uganda," occupies an important place in the history of African civilization. Dr. Mackay joined the Royal Geographical Society in 1859.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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As it is suggested by Mr. Seebohm in the February number of the *Journal* that Messrs. Battye, Powys, and Hyland were probably the first Englishmen to visit Kolgueff, it is only fair to give credit to the old navigators, and recall the visits of Richard Finch and William Gourdon, two hundred and eighty odd years since. As long ago as 1611, Richard Finch, in a letter to Sir Thomas Smith, Governor of the "Worshipfull Companie of English Merchants trading into Russia," wrote as follows: "The seventh of August, William Gourdon and I with our shallop went on shoare. This Colgoiene is a very long and broad Iland with many vallies in it. On the same are many Geese, which the Russes use to take with Nets in the time of the yeere, before they bee ouer fledge. In this Iland seemeth to bee store of Hawkes. Here William Gourdon and our cooper caught two Hawkes, whereof one was spoyled in the taking, the other remayneth alieu."

And William Gourdon himself writes in the same year that "the third [August] at noone we had sight of Colgoiene Iland and tooke the latitude, being on the North side of the island, which was 69 degrees 20 minutes: and at night I went on shoare to see the Land, which was high clay ground: and I came where there was an airie of Slight-falcons: but they did flie all away saue one, which I tooke up, and brought aboard. This Ile of Colgoiene is but thirtie leagues from the Barre of Pechora."

There may be other instances, but these occur to me at once.

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MEETINGS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, SESSION 1894-95.

Fifth Ordinary Meeting, January 28, 1895.—CLEMENTS R. MARKHAM, Esq.,
C.B., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*Major George Newton Barlow, R.A.; Thomas Bland; William Thomas Brand; Rupert Fitzroy Bromley; Alexander Jno. Currie, M.D.; Colonel W. T. Eden (Indian Staff Corps); Newenham A. E. Graydon; Reginald Edward Guise; Lieut. Wm. Albert Harrison, R.E.; William Howat; Rev. Henry Walford Hussey; George Hudson; Captain F. H. Lyell; Dr. Anatolius Markoff; Captain the Hon. H. D. Napier (Indian Staff Corps); John Pemberthy; Richard Phillipps; Lieut.-Colonel William W. Rawes, R.A. (Retired); Rev. Frederick Charles Rogers; H. J. Snow; Rev. Harry de Trevelec; William Francis Wallenstein; John Henry Whadcoat.*

The PRESIDENT said: Before I speak on the subject of the meeting, the Fellows will be glad to hear what progress we have made with the subscriptions for the Geographical Congress. £620 have already been subscribed by the Fellows, making, with the amount already subscribed by the Geographical Society, £1420, which we have to make up to £3500; so we must still work hard in getting subscriptions. On the 22nd we had a technical meeting in the map-room of the Society, when an