mere dilettanteism set up a standard for emulation of which not every one is perhaps aware. To recognize the truth of this, we should have to try to conceive of American philological scholarship — whatever it may be — without Whitney. Lastly, at the American Philological Association and at the Oriental Society meetings, Professor Whitney besides being a leader, guide and pioneer, was always a balance wheel, the Nestor to whose judgment or advice it was our want to defer for final decision.

Ten days before he was stricken down, I spent part of an afternoon at his home. Bright, cheerful and happy, he was in his study and at work. His work in fact was almost incessant despite the serious and finally fatal illness of the heart from which during the last ten years of his life he had suffered. If I may be allowed thus personally to speak, I shall not forget the charming talk that I then had with him. He took down from the shelves his album of photographs of friends and distinguished scholars; they were German, French, English, Italian and American; and as he turned the pages he would have some pleasant word to say or some kind greeting to send to this one or to that, in case I should meet them during the summer in Europe. It hardly seemed possible that the fatal blow should come a week later — a blow to take the head of the home away from a devoted wife and children, and to deprive America of a scholar and teacher whose name will always be held in loving remembrance. To one's lips rise the words of Hamlet, "a worthy pioneer", or the elegy pronounced upon Shakespeare's own first player in the part of Hamlet,

"He's gone, and with him what a world are dead,
Friends, every one, and what a blank instead;
Take him for all he was a man
Not to be matched".

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First Joint Meeting of the Philological Societies of America.

During the last Christmas holidays, December 27—29, 1894, the first joint meeting of philological societies that has ever taken place in America, was held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The list of learned societies which participated may not be without interest: American Oriental Society, American Philological Society, Modern Language Association of America, Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, American Dialect Society, Spelling Reform Association, and the Archaeological Institute of America. The sessions of the different societies were so arranged with regard to hours as to give opportunities for as large an attendance as possible; and the affair was an event of such marked success that there was a general feeling of hope expressed that a similar meeting might be held some five years hence.

The special feature of the congress, however, was the evening devoted to a Memorial Meeting in honor of the late lamented American philologist, William Dwight Whitney. The address on this occasion was delivered by Professor Charles R. Lanman, of

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; a number of tributes in the form of letters from foreign scholars were also presented. Among these tributes were letters from Rost, Ascoli, Barth, Böhtlingk, Delbrück, Brugmann, Jolly and Roth.

At the regular sessions of the different societies there were altogether 322 members (a goodly number!) in actual attendance, and above one hundred scientific communications were brought forward. No record can here be made of any of these contributions, but they will be published in the transactions of the various societies, together with the detailed proceedings of the Whitney Memorial Meeting which will be of value of those interested in the history of the science of philology.

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Whitneys Nachfolger.

Edward Washburn Hopkins, bisher Professor des Sanskrit und der idg. Sprachwissenschaft am Bryn Mawr College Pa., ist zum Nachfolger Whitneys an der Yale University zu New Haven ausersehn. Prof. Hopkins studierte auf dem Columbia College, später auf den Universitäten Berlin und Leipzig. In Leipzig promovierte er mit einer Untersuchung über die gegenseitigen Beziehungen der vier Kasten im Mānavadharmasāstra (Leipzig 1881). Nachdem er mehrere Jahre am Columbia College thätig gewesen war und im Jahr 1884 seine Manu-Übersetzung herausgegeben hatte, ward er 1885 an das Bryn Mawr College berufen. Prof. Hopkins hat jüngst ein Werk über die indische Religion vollendet, das demnächst in Boston erscheinen soll.

Otto von Böhtlingk.

Am 14. Juni d. J. hat der Nestor der Sanskritisten, Otto von Böhtlingk, in aller Stille seinen achtzigsten Geburtstag begangen. Was die indische Philologie dem Verfasser der beiden Petersburger Wörterbücher, dem Herausgeber des Pāṇini, — um nur ein Paar der frischesten Blätter aus seinem reichen Lorberkranz herauszugreifen — verdankt, braucht den Lesern der Indogermanischen Forschungen nicht erst in Erinnerung gebracht zu werden. Unvergessen ist auch, wie Böhtlingk vor 52 Jahren in seinem 'Ersten Versuch über den Akzent im Sanskrit' nach Johannes Schmidts schönen Worten "einen Schacht abgetäuft hat, welcher der vergleichenden Sprachforschung eine Goldader nach der andern erschloss und, soviel man aus ihm bereits gefördert hat, lange noch nicht abgebaut ist."