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not even the memory of a name. In spite of the difficulty of maintaining intercourse with the people, a considerable amount of information is given respecting the various tribes, especially the Turkana and Suk, the photographs also giving a good idea of their physical appearance. The paper and printing of the book are both good, but it is unfortunate that the illustrations are mostly scattered at haphazard through the text without any regard to order.

## AMERICA.

### THE ANDES.

In this book Sir Martin Conway\* gives an account of his ascent of Aconcagua in the footsteps of the members of Mr. Fitzgerald's expedition, and of his exploration of Mount Sarmiento in the Straits of Magellan. He also visited those very remarkable inland basins named by their surveyors Otway and Skyring waters. The narrative is interesting throughout and well illustrated; but perhaps the most useful part is contained in the account of the progress of sheep-farming on the pampas between Punta Arenas and the Argentine frontier.

Over two years ago Prof. Ray Lancaster said, in a lecture before the Zoological Society, "It is quite possible—I don't want to say more than that—that the mylodon still exists in some of the mountainous regions of Patagonia." So an expedition was sent to Patagonia under the lead of Mr. Prichard † in search of the prehistoric mylodon. No mylodon was found, but there were valuable biological and ethnological results. They are embodied in a large octavo volume very profusely and beautifully illustrated, the whole forming about the heaviest book, for its size, that was ever published. It can no more be held in the hand to read than an old folio such as Dugdale's *Baronage* or a volume of Harris's *Voyages*. Mr. Prichard's account of the Tehuelches, of their physique, manners and customs, and methods of hunting is a valuable contribution to ethnology. For this interesting people are not a branch of the Inca group of tribes, but are isolated, and perhaps of Malayan origin. Mr. Prichard refers to their melancholy fate—too noble and too reserved to adapt themselves to changes caused by European encroachments, they are doomed, and nothing can arrest their proudly sad progress to certain extinction. This gives increased value to the sympathetic researches of an observant and intelligent traveller like Mr. Prichard, whose narrative is agreeably written. His zoological notes, describing the wild animals and their habits, are beautifully illustrated. Mr. Prichard believes that no great progress is possible in the formation of a flourishing pastoral industry in Patagonia, unless the farmers are supplied with vastly improved means of communication. Railroads are the great need.

## POLAR REGIONS.

### ANTARCTIC ZOOLOGY. ‡

In a preface to this handsome and beautifully illustrated volume, Prof. Ray Lankester gives a brief sketch of the expedition of the *Southern Cross*, which, as our readers are aware, was initiated and led by Mr. C. E. Borchgrevink at the expense of Sir George Newnes. The collections dealt with were made mainly by the zoologist of the expedition, Mr. Nicolai Hanson, and Mr. Hugh Evans, the assistant zoologist, assisted by other members of the scientific staff. The death of Mr. Hanson in Victoria Land "was a great loss to the expedition, as it was to

\* 'Aconcagua and Tierra del Fuego.' By Sir Martin Conway. Cassell. 1902.

† 'Through the Heart of Patagonia.' By H. Hesketh Prichard. Heinemann. 1902.

‡ 'Report on the Collections of Natural History made in the Antarctic Regions during the Voyage of the *Southern Cross*.' London: Printed by Order of the Trustees [of the British Museum]. 1902.