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The value of this publication of Captain Edwards's official reports is hardly, if at all, lessened by the fact that Captain Amasa Delano, of New Plymouth, in his 'Narrative of Voyages . . . in the Pacific Ocean,' published at Boston (U.S.A.) in 1817, has printed a very considerable part of the journal from which Edwards wrote his letters to the Admiralty. Delano, who was at the time serving under Captain John McClure in the East India Company's ship *Panther*, was at Coupang, in Timor, early in 1792, only a few months after the survivors of the wreck of the *Pandora* had reached that place, and there "found in the possession of Governor Vanjon a manuscript history of the cruise of the *Pandora*, written by Captain Edwards himself." This manuscript Delano was allowed to copy, and he "presents the substance of it to the reader." Comparison of Delano's version with Mr. Thomson's clearly shows that both were founded on the same original, which was the diary kept by Edwards during the last cruise of the *Pandora*. But Delano's book, though formerly often quoted, is scarce, and has now almost dropped out of ken; moreover, the manuscript from which that author copied was concluded before the refugees from the *Pandora* reached Samarang and there found the lost tender, the adventures of which are the main theme of Mr. Thomson's book.

It has long been known that the little schooner which had been built by the mutineers at Tahiti, where it was found and seized by Captain Edwards, was converted into a tender for the *Pandora*, and that this tender, during some bad weather off Samoa, parted company with the *Pandora*, and was not heard of again till her crew and the survivors of the wrecked *Pandora* met in the East Indies; but it was not known where the tender went after she parted company with the *Pandora*. Mr. Basil Thomson has now ingeniously fitted together various hints supplied by Edwards and Hamilton with others derived from his own intimate knowledge of the Fiji islands, and has thus given fairly strong, but not conclusive, reason to believe that the tender passed some weeks at one of the southern Fiji islands, and in communication, perhaps not very friendly, with the natives of that island. If Mr. Thomson is right, he has unearthed the earliest instance of Europeans, not merely sailing by, but actually touching and remaining for a time at, any island of the Fiji group.

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'From Tasman to Marsden: A History of Northern New Zealand from 1642 to 1818.' By Robert McNab. (Dunedin: Wilkie. 1914. Pp. xv., 236. 6s. net.) Dr. McNab here continues his profound researches into the history of New Zealand. His earlier chapters cover the visits of Tasman, Cook, De Surville, and Marion Dufresne, and his critical analysis of their proceedings, the exact scenes of their landings, and so forth, are of great interest. In later chapters the initiation of the timber and whaling trades is discussed; the "Boyd" massacre and episodes following upon it, in the period 1809-14, occupy two chapters, and the missionary effort of the years 1807-15 is also dealt with at length.

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'College Physiography.' By R. S. Tarr. New York: The Macmillan Co. 1914. Pp. xxi., 837. 15s. net.

The greater part of this book was written by the late Prof. R. S. Tarr, of Cornell University, but it has been amplified and brought up to date by Prof. Lawrence Martin, of the University of Wisconsin, who was associated with Prof. Tarr in field researches both in Alaska and in New York. As an exposition