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## AUSTRALASIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS.

## CIVILIZATION IN AUSTRALASIA.

'A Century of the Pacific.' Edited by James Colwell, F.R.HIST.S. Introduction by W. H. Fitchett, B.A., LL.D. London: Charles H. Kelly. 1914. 21s. *net*.

This book contains matter of considerable interest, especially at the present time, when it seems certain that great changes must shortly be made in the political-sociological conditions which have grown up in the now Europeanized Pacific. With the exception of the two excellent scientific chapters, respectively by Prof. Woolnough, on the geology, and by Mr. G. T. Baker, on the biology of the area with which the book deals, there is little to demand the careful attention of the student of pure geography. but, on the other hand, there is much of the "human geography" which is of interest and importance to the student of the political sociological conditions of a definite area of the globe.

The title of the book would have been more apt had it been called 'A Century of Australasia, including some of the South Sea Islands, as seen and told by Wesleyans.' This means, not that the book is merely another book on missionary effort in the Pacific, but that it is an account, mainly from the Wesleyan missionary's point of view, of the civilization affected in Australia, New Zealand, and of such of the adjacent South Sea islands as have been under the care of that particular mission during the century which has now just elapsed since, in 1815, the Australian Wesleyan Missionary Society was founded and began to exercise its indisputably potent influence for good within the area in question. As a *résumé* of this good work and of the results which have been brought about largely by its co-operation, the book should be useful to all who will shortly have to consider the rearrangement of Australasia and of the whole Pacific.

Though the *Journal* is not the right place in which to deal with this book in any detail, a special word of commendation may be given to the chapter in which the Rev. Cyril Bavin, a Wesleyan missionary who has lived and worked both in Fiji and in the East Indies, has given his views on the question of "the East Indian in Fiji." Mr. Bavin writes in a manner which, in the opinion of one who, from a very different point of view, has had as good an opportunity as Mr. Bavin of understanding the good and bad effects of the remarkable experiment in State-directed migration of native labour, from an area where it is superfluous to places in which it is urgently needed, is an entirely fair statement of the whole story and a noteworthy defence of the system of "indentured immigration," if only due precautions in the interests of the immigrants are taken.

The book closes with a long, if somewhat uneven, bibliography, and with a very fairly good index. E. IM T.

## THE VOYAGE OF THE "PANDORA," 1790-91.

'Voyage of H.M.S. *Pandora*, despatched to arrest the Mutineers of the *Bounty* in the South Seas, 1790-91; being the narratives of Captain Edward Edwards, R.N., the Commander, and George Hamilton, the Surgeon.' With Introduction and Notes by Basil Thomson. London: Francis Edwards. 1915. 6s. *net*.

The account, by Mr. George Hamilton, late surgeon of the ship, of the voyage round the world of His Majesty's Frigate *Pandora*, in 1790-2, in search of the mutineers of the *Bounty*, is so scarce that this reprint is very welcome, and very much the more in that it includes Captain Edwards's report to the Admiralty, as well as Mr. Basil Thomson's most interesting introduction and notes.