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know of the modern Beja. That the fortress town of Karanòg may be identified with the Chiris of Olympiodorus is very plausible; two other towns mentioned—Phoinikon and Thapis—are suggested to be Begrash and Taphis (the modern Tâfa). Mr. Mileham also locates some place-names mentioned by the Arab author Abu Selah. These volumes will be followed by others, for the excavations are to be continued for a period of five years in all.

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AMERICA.

PATAGONIA.

‘Viajes de Esploracion i Estudio en la Patagonia Occidental, 1892-1902.’ Por el Dr. Hans Steffen, Profesor del Instituto Pedagógico, etc. Santiago de Chile: Imprenta Cervantes. 1909.

Dr. Steffen’s work in the southern territory of Chile is well known, and he was chosen on account of his knowledge of the country as a technical assessor at the tribunal of arbitration in London for the determination of the Chilean and Argentine boundary. This collection of his narratives has been made at the instance of the Chilean Council of Public Instruction, which considered that it would be useful to teachers of geography. The narratives of the earlier journeys have been already published in the *Anales de la Universidad*, but those in the second volume have hitherto only appeared in summaries. Such are the explorations (among others) of the rivers Aisen-Mañuales and Cisnes, of the river Baker and Lake Cochrane.

The exploration of the country is still incomplete, several minor rivers and transversal valleys being unexplored, and, in particular, there are two large areas where the configuration has not been thoroughly studied. These lie along the meridional axis, one running northwards from the Baker inlet to about the parallel of 46°, and the other to the south of the same inlet as far as 51° 30’ approximately. The scientific investigation of the country is still more defective, in spite of the valuable work of several travellers whose names are recorded by Dr. Steffen.

AUSTRALASIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS.

‘The Island of Stone Money: Uap of the Carolines.’ By Dr. William Henry Furness. (Philadelphia and London: Lippincott. 1910. 15s. *net*.) This pleasantly written book contains a good deal of interesting information, much of which will be valuable to the anthropologist because it is new or has not yet been presented in a ready and accessible form. But in spite of the excellent photographs, the volume cannot be regarded as a serious anthropological study, with the result that the reader is left hoping that Dr. Furness will before long see fit to give a more complete account of the polity of these interesting and little-known islanders. The book concludes with a sketch of the Uap grammar and Uap-English and English-Uap vocabularies.

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POLAR REGIONS.

‘Les Expéditions Polaires depuis 1800.’ By J. Denucé. (Antwerp: Van Hille-De Backer. 1911. Pp. 160.) This is a classified list of expeditions to the Antarctic and the Arctic, divided according to countries of origin, and giving the dates and names of vessels and chief officers and others connected with each expedition. The record is carried back (where necessary) to about the beginning of the nineteenth century.