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resident, who died after only a short term of service of great promise. At any rate, it is seldom that the public has the chance to learn something of such work from within, and we may therefore be grateful for these colloquial, humorous letters, often illustrated with sketches of the roughest, but full of life.

AMERICA.

'Farthest West.' By C. R. Enock. (London: Longmans. 1910. Pp. 328. *Maps and Illustrations*. 15s.) This study of the American people deals largely with those of their characteristics which would first impress themselves on the casual traveller, though much of the information in the book shows the author's wide experience of the country. These character-studies of modern civilized peoples necessarily contain much that is matter of opinion; at any rate on geographical matters, such as regional studies, scenery, lines of communication, Mr. Enock's work may be read with profit.

'The Channel Islands of California.' By C. F. Holder. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. 1910. Pp. xvi., 397. *Maps and Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) The author is known as a writer on angling topics, and the angler's interests are paramount in the present volume. But it has the additional interest that the author was a pioneer in introducing these islands to the public as sporting resorts. He knew Santa Catalina island when the holiday-town of Avalon did not exist; he has an intimate knowledge of the remarkable physical character of the islands and surrounding seas, and he has studied the remains left by the natives in the ages before the first Europeans arrived in the locality.

'Our Search for a Wilderness.' By Mary Beebe and C. W. Beebe. (London: Constable. 1910. Pp. xx., 408. *Map and Illustrations*. 10s. 6d.) The object of the two journeys described here, to Venezuela and to British Guiana, was ornithological, and not only in the text but in an appendix the scientific results are set out. But the text is mainly narrative, and the second part is of particular interest as the travellers touched virgin territory in British Guiana, and they have a good power of description and supply some fine photographs. A further work on the natural history of the region is promised.

'Cecil Rhodes: his private life.' By P. Jourdan. (London: Lane. 1911. Pp. 287. *Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) The writer was Rhodes' private secretary. When the possible pitfalls threatening a work of this kind are considered—those of political controversy on the one hand and those of the Boswell-Johnsonian style on the other—there is no course but to compliment the writer heartily on avoiding them. The book deals with many living men and women, often in an intimate manner; here Mr. Jourdan handles his subject delicately. There is a special interest to geographers and a lesson to others in this sentence (the context dealing with Rhodes' imperial interests)—“Maps had a fascination for him, and he was always studying them.”

AUSTRALASIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS.

ISLANDS OF THE SOUTHERN SEAS.

'The Subantarctic Islands of New Zealand. Reports on the Geo-Physics, Geology, Zoology, and Botany.' Edited by Prof. C. Chilton, M.A., D.Sc. Two volumes. Pp. xxxv. + 848. *Plates, Photographs, Figures, and a Map*. Philosophical Institute of Canterbury, New Zealand. London: Dulau. 1909. Price £2 2s. net.

These two volumes contain the results of a brief visit made by several New Zealand scientists to the Auckland and Campbell islands, in November, 1907. Advantage was taken of the annual trip of the Government steamer *Hinemoa*