EXPLORATION IN INDO-CHINA.

Important Discoveries—A Successful Undertaking.

The British expedition sent to explore the old commercial route from Burmah to Southwestern China by way of Bhamo has returned in safety to Mandalay, the capital of Burmah. It has occupied about eight months, having left Mandalay on the 13th of January and returned on the 20th of September. The Calcutta correspondent of the London *Times* tells the story of the expedition:—

"Captain Sladen, English political agent at Mandalay, was made leader. With him were associated Captain Williams, as engineer officer; Dr. Anderson, curator of the Indian Museum in Calcutta, as naturalist, and two members of the mercantile community of Rangoon. Captain Williams and one of the merchants returned when the mission had gone half way, and the former was succeeded by Mr. Gordon.

"Leaving the Irrawaddy at Bhamo, the mission soon entered the Khakyen Hills. Up to this point their steps had been dogged by Burmese intrigue, and the prospect was gloomy enough. By the 10th of May the expedition was still at Ponsee, in these hills, but Captain Sladen had stolen a march on the people, who were nothing loth to detain him till he had spent all his money, and seem to have been in fear of the Burmese. Captain Sladen sent a secret messenger to the chiefs of the Shan States beyond—those States subject to the Panthays, and they at once secretly responded, inviting and helping the party to come on. The Khakyens now became most friendly. The mission derived great prestige from the fact that its approach was the means of expelling from Manphoo the Chinese brigand Seesatahee. Though his funds began to fail him in consequence of the delay at Ponsee, Captain Sladen determined to accept the Shan invitation to Momein, which he reached in some state. His plan was then either to push on to the Panthay capital of Pali, if all were quiet, or to hold at Momein a congress of all the chiefs interested in the trade. He soon learned that the former was impossible. The country was disturbed.

"The Governor of Momein rules the eight Shan States or provinces which extend due northeast from Burmah proper. He received the mission in royal style, sitting upon a throne, and entertained its members at the cost of the Panthay Government during its stay. He sent by Captain Sladen letters from that government to the Governor-General, in which a promise is made of cheerful cooperation in reviving the trade and protection to all British and foreign traders. The Panthays are represented as a vigorous, energetic, and social people. Their officers were personally on excellent terms with the mission at Momein, and expressed great regret at its departure. The deputies from the principal Saultnas or chiefs of the Shans, who met Captain Sladen at Ponsee, are represented as having attained a higher state of civilization than most Shans, and even Chinese gentlemen. They had not heard of British connection with Burmah, or of our treaty, but they knew that the mission had been sent by a great and powerful nation. They declared that their States alone could supply one hundred thousand mules for carriage, and longed for the opening up of trade to compensate for the miseries and loss they have suffered since the outbreak of the civil war in Yunan. They emplored that Captain Sladen would return with a large embassy and full powers to make a treaty.

"After such a reception by the Panthay representative at Momein, the return of the mission was triumphant. Even the Khakyens showed such affection for its members that they would not allow them to return by any other route than that by which they had advanced, being eager to keep the profits of trade to themselves. But Captain Sladen and his companions managed to cross over from Manwyne to Botha, and to return thence over the Khakyen hills by the route always followed hitherto by royal embassies between Barmah and China. A complete survey was made of the Sawuddy route also, so that we now know the three main tracks through these hills, and there are full data for fixing on the best hereafter. So friendly are the Khakyens that we do not need even to subsidize them. They are more eager than we are; and thirty of their chiefs accompanied Captain Sladen to Bhamo, where they took an oath of fidelity to him Khakyen fashion, while the Burmese officials, outwitted and disgusted, looked on. Captain Sladen, I regret to say, is ill from the effects of the journey. The King, who likes him personally, has welcomed him back, but has refused to give audience to the mission, about which he will not even talk.

RESULTS.

"I have not yet seen the official reports, nor do I know more of Dr. Anderson's scientific work than that he has returned laden with spoils, botanical and zoological, and bursting with all sorts of new facts. But this instalment of the results of one of the most successful missions we have ever sent beyond our border may be accepted till the members can tell their own tale. It illustrates the folly of that excessive timidity which would restrain even private travellers from passing the border, and which denies to civilization and humanity, no less than to science and commerce, so many dark places of the earth. What Speke and Grant, Indian officers, have done in Africa may be more easily accomplished in Asia. The difficulties experienced by the pundit whose exploration of Thibet I described some time ago, it now turns out, would all have been prevented if, like Mr. Beckmore, Mr. Cooper, and others, a formal passport under treaty had been obtained from Pekin. Such is the official statement made by Mr. Consul Morrison to the Royal Geographical Society at its meeting on the 23d of March last.

"The immediate result of Captain Sladen's success will doubtless be the despatch of a dignified and well-equipped embassy to Tali, the moment the road from Momein is open. That must be done, and, under treaty, a British agent must be appointed to Bhamo, whence the navigation to Rangoon is as easy as that of the Ganges from Allahabad to Calcutta. A railway, too, is likely to be made from Rangoon to Brome, in the direction of the frontier and Bhamo up the Irrawaddy valley. It is to be hoped that the Government of India will sanction the first part of this project, as far as Prome, which has just been laid before it in great detail."

Diary of a French Officer in America.

The Boston *Transcript* says:—"Dr. Samuel Abbott Green, of this city, has contributed to our literature an interesting volume, which happily unites his own taste for antiquarian historical researches with his late military experience. He served as surgeon of the 24th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers for more than three years. To the officers and men of that regiment he gracefully dedicated a publication which has occupied his skilful pen, and the contents of which are associated with some of the places where they shared dangers together.

"As he was strolling on one of the quays of Paris, in June, 1867, looking over the shelves of a second-hand book-stall, he picked up a little manuscript volume that had been handsomely bound and ornamented, but of whose history the owner knew no more than that it had been purchased shortly before in Lorraine.

"It proved to contain, in a hundred and fifty-two written pages, the diary and a few notes, with three letters, of Count William of Deux-Ponts in Germany—a town which derives its name from two bridges which cross the Erbach, as the river runs through it, and the place where the famous Bipontine edition of the classics was published. The family of Deux-Ponts, of a baronial rank, now extinct, was connected with some of the reigning families of Central Europe. On being applied to by Dr. Green, Mr. George Tickuor has obtained through a very eminent authority abroad the particulars of this relationship. Count William, born at Deux-Ponts in 1754, entered his brother's regiment in the French army in 1778, and came to this country in Rochambeau's army in 1780. The journal now in our hands was written while he was in service here.

"Dr. Green gives us the original French, with the text and notes, as written by the diarist, and he follows this with an English translation so smooth and idiomatic, while strictly faithful, that it reads as if it were itself the original. The Count had been married only two months when his regiment, with others, was ordered to service. He was instructed to report himself as an officer. His destination was wholly unknown, and it was only after the great fleet in which he was sailing was more than half way across the Atlantic that he knew for what the expedition was assigned, as the fruit of the noble agency of Lafayette with his monarch and people in our behalf.

"The journal is simply and modestly written, showing a manly spirit and military heroism. He describes a short and indecisive sea-fight with an English squadron on the way. He had laid twenty-seven days, stormbound, in the roads at Brest, and only after seventy-one days at sea did he land at Newport. He complains of the lack of warm enthusiasm in the reception of the allies by the Americans. Then follows his sketch of the campaign of 1781. The Count distinguished himself highly at the siege of Yorktown, which he describes with sufficient minuteness, adding a few new particulars of interest."

Hunting for Treasure.

Some two months ago a party of six Englishmen arrived in this city from London; they were real cockneys, and acted as if they knew everything that was worth knowing, and a good many things that wasn't. They were at first rather close-mouthed about their business, and acted as if they were afraid they were watched. Our detective police—which, by the way, is not very sharp—imagined that they were members of the swell mob, and shadowed them for several days, but finally were informed by the British Consul that their attentions were disagreeable.

These men declared that they were travelling for sport, and after remaining in town a few days, announced their intention of going into Marion county, for the purpose of having a jolly time among the quail, deer, and grizzly bear that are to be found in great abundance within the borders of that county. Having provided themselves with all the necessary paraphernalia for camp life, the party took their departure from the city, and a few days later were to be seen encamped upon the banks of a clear stream of water which flowed from the coast range into the ocean at or near Drake's bay.

Those in the neighborhood of the encampment would find these men wandering about the banks of the stream, consulting maps and papers, as if they came in search of something. At length they began to dig holes in the earth, and for two or three weeks they pursued this pleasant occupation. A person who had been watching their actions for some time finally made it his business to ask them what they were hunting for, and, after some hesitation, they finally told him that one of them had, while looking over a lot of old papers found in his parental mansion, discovered to at Sir Francis Drake, when he visited California, in the sixteenth century, had buried a great deal of gold and silver, precious stones, etc., upon the shores of a stream near Drake's Bay from which he had taken a supply of water. It was well known to every one who knew anything at all about Drake that he was a freebooter—very little, if any, better than the famous Captain Kidd. True, he performed his deeds of pillage with the sanction of Queen Elizabeth, but she had no right to grant such privileges. While sailing from Cape Horn to the coast of California Drake had pillaged some twenty or thirty villages, and plundered quite a number of vessels. These outrages had filled his vessel with riches, and, finding that he could not convey them all home, he buried several million dollars' worth, intending to return at some future day, but he didn't. Fate was against him, and, after making several ineffectual efforts to fit out another expedition, Sir Francis sickened and died.

Among those who witnessed the burial of the treasure was Manuel Silva, who was Drake's pilot. He marked the spot upon the coast, and gave a description of it in his log-book. After sleeping quietly for more than two hundred years, these papers are hauled from their resting place and perused with a deep interest by one who was a descendant of the pilot. He believed in the treasure, and was anxious to leave his comfortable home and go out in search of it—as veritable a wild-goose chase as can be imagined. After searching for several weeks, the party suddenly packed up and silently took their way from the scene. They were very reticent in San Francisco about their success, although one of them said to a friend:—"We have done pretty well, and don't regret our trip."

This seeking for treasure is a mania with some folks, and they will work harder upon the hope of finding something that has been buried years before than they would for the highest wages you could name. For the past five years a company in this city have been searching for treasure supposed to have been buried upon the Coop Island. Three expeditions have been fitted out at a cost of $30,000. Therefore, it is not a cause for wonderment to find persons coming from England to search for riches supposed to have been buried upon our shores. This seeking after buried treasure is only a waste of time, and only engaged in by fools. The Spanish proverb truthfully says, *Quien tien tienda, que atienda.—San Francisco Correspondence Chicago Tribune.*

—The Vicar of Windsor told all his female parishioners and non-electors to stay away from church the Sunday before the election, so that there might be room for the voters, to whom he was to preach a political sermon. It would seem from this that the electors were not in the habit of attending church regularly.

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December 9, at 10 o'clock, at the auction rooms, by catalogue, an excellent assortment superior walnut furniture two rosewood piano-fortes, rosewood melodeon 6½ octaves, extension tables, fine feather beds and bedding, mattresses, steam engine, large and superior fire proof safes, made by Evans & Watson, Marvin, Lillie, and Farrel & Herring; mirrors, fine china and glassware, desks and office furniture, outside shop-counters, stoves, handsome Brussels and other carpets, etc.
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On Thursday Morning
December 10, at 10 o'clock, at No. 331 Wharton street, by catalogue, the entire handsome household furniture, including soft elegant walnut and green plush drawing-room furniture, four suits elegant oiled walnut chamber furniture rosewood pianoforte, fine French plate mantel mirror, handsome walnut wardrobe, extension table, sideboard, spring hair mattresses, cottage chamber suits oil paintings and engravings, bronzes, rich English Brussels carpet, china and glassware, cooking utensils, refrigerator, etc.
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On Friday Morning,
Dec 11, at 10 o'clock, at No. 1817 Chesnut st., by catalogue, the entire superior household furniture including superior walnut parlor furniture; 3 suits handsome walnut chamber furniture; 4 suits superior cottage chamber furniture; fine hair and other mattresses; bedding; stoves; fine Brussels, ingrain, and Venetian carpets; china and glassware; kitchen furniture and utensils; window shades, etc. [12 3 7t
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Public Sale on the premises, No. 2116 Brandywine street.
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