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NOTES OF THE QUARTER.

Babu Ramsare Das, and
Professor Satis Chandra Vidyābhūṣaṇa

had been elected members of the Society.

Mr. T. G. Pinches read a paper entitled "Akkadian, or Cryptography," illustrated by lantern slides. A discussion followed, in which the Rev. J. Tuckwell and Dr. Löwy took part. The paper will appear in the October Journal.

II. CONTENTS OF FOREIGN ORIENTAL JOURNALS.

I. JOURNAL ASIATIQUE. Série IX, Tomo XIII, No. 1.

Derenbourg (H.). Nābīga Dhobyānī, inédit d'après le MS. arabe 65 de la collection Schefer.

Nau (F.). Le traité sur l'astrolabe-plan de Sévère Sabokt, écrit au VIII^e siècle d'après des sources grecques et publié pour la première fois d'après un MS. de Berlin.

Candel (M.). Les premières invasions arabes dans l'Afrique du Nord (21-100 H., 651-718 J.C.).

II. ZEITSCHRIFT DER DEUTSCHEN MORGENLÄNDISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT. Band II, Heft 1.

Praetorius (Fr.). Bemerkungen zu den beiden grossen Inschriften vom Dambruch zu Marib.

Hardy (E.). Eine buddhistische Bearbeitung der Kṛṣṇa-Sage.

Schreiner (M.). Beiträge zur Geschichte der theologischen Bewegungen im Islām.

Justi (F.). Zur Inschrift von Behistān, I, 63.

Oppert (J.). Ilie und da.

Hommel (F.). Eine Katabanische Inschrift.

Grimme (H.). Nochmals zur syrischen Betonungs- und Verslehre.

Praetorius (Fr.). Notiz zur syrischen Metrik.

Bacher (W.). Eine alte Erwähnung der babylonischen Keilinschriften.

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Zimmern (H.). Über Bäcker und Mundschenk in Altsemitischen.

Speyer (J. S.). Buddha's Todejahr nach dem Avadāna-śataka.

III. MUNICH. SITZUNGSBERICHTE DER PHILOSOPHISCHEN UND DER HISTORISCHEN CLASSE DER K. B. AKADEMIE DER WISSENSCHAFTEN, 1898. Bd. II, Heft 3.

Hertz (W. v.). Aristoteles bei den Parsen.

IV. VIENNA ORIENTAL JOURNAL. Vol. XII, No. 4.

Schroeder (L. v.). Der Rigveda bei den Kathas.

Laufer (B.). Ueber das *va zur*.

Geyer (R.). Zu den Gedichten des Hātim al-Ṭāi.

Steinschneider (M.). Heilmittelnamen der Araber.

III. OBITUARY NOTICES.

Dr. G. W. Leitner.

We regret to have to record the death of Dr. Leitner, who was for thirty-eight years a member of the Royal Asiatic Society. The son of a physician, he was born at Budapest in 1840, but removed in 1847 to Turkey, where his father had established a practice. His school education was completed at the Malta Protestant College. In 1855, when still a mere lad, he gained, by competitive examination, the post of "First Class Interpreter" to the British forces at Shumla, during the last eight months of the Crimean War. After the conclusion of the war, he attended a Muhammadan Theological School at Constantinople. In 1858 he came to England, and matriculated as a student at King's College, London. At that institution he was soon afterwards appointed lecturer in Arabic, Turkish, and modern Greek, and in 1861 he succeeded the Rev. J. J. S. Perowne, now Bishop of Worcester, as Professor of Arabic and