

6. On Negative Clauses in the Rig-Veda ; by Miss Eva Channing, of Boston, Mass.

7. On the Ancient Persians' Abhorrence of Falsehood, illustrated from the Avesta ; by Mr. A. V. Williams Jackson, of Columbia College, New York City.

8. Hindu Eschatology and the Katha Upanishad ; by Professor Whitney, of New Haven.

9. The Ao Naga Language of Southern Assam ; by Prof. John Avery, of Brunswick, Maine.

10. On a Sacrificial Tablet from Sippur ; by Prof. D. G. Lyon, of Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.

11. On certain important recent Assyriological Publications, by Professor Lyon.

12. Three Hymns of the First Book of the Atharva-Veda ; by Prof. Bloomfield.

13. Lexicographical Notes from the Mahābhārata ; by Prof. Hopkins.

14. Introduction to the Study of the Old Indian Sibilants ; by Prof. Bloomfield and Dr. Edward N. Spicker, of Baltimore.

In addition to the above, spoken addresses were given by the Rev. T. P. Hughes and the Rev. John Chandler ; and the Rev. W. H. Ward exhibited photographs of Hittite Sculpture from 'Ain Tab.

The Society adjourned to meet at New Haven on 27th October.

### III. CORRESPONDENCE.

#### *Pre-Akkadian Writing.*

62, CHESILTON ROAD, FULHAM ROAD, S.W.

DEAR SIR,

22nd Sept., 1886.

I am desirous of directing your attention to the fact, that I have advocated for several years the existence of the Chaldæan or Babylonian writing anterior to the arrival of the Akkadians in the country. The successive transformations undergone by the writing, chiefly in its arrangement, and the fact that the Akkadian sounds were not the most important, had forced this conclusion upon my mind. I have published this in several places, notably in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, April, 1883, Vol. XV. p. 279, note 3.

In the last issue of the *Journal* (Vol. XVIII. Part III.) there is a paper on the Pre-Akkadian Semites, by Mr. G. Bertin, in which no allusion has been made to the priority of my discovery.

I am, yours faithfully,

*The Secretary Royal Asiatic Society.*

TERRIEN DE LACOUPERIE.