

III. NOTES AND NEWS.

CINDER MOUNDS.—Mr. Beveridge draws our attention to a passage in Murray's Handbook, p. 224, col. 2, for the Panjab, where the writer (Mr. Eastwick) speaks of a place called Raiki-ke-Tibbī, fifty miles north-east of Bahāwalpur, where mounds of calcined bones and charcoal were excavated by Colonel Minchin in 1874. This, he thinks, might throw light on the cinder heaps concerning which Mr. Sewell published a paper in the Journal, Part I, for 1899.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS.—This will be held at the Sorbonne in Paris, under the presidency of M. Albert Réville, from the 3rd to the 9th of September, 1900. The subscription is 10 francs, and the address of the Secretariat is the Sorbonne. The program, which can be seen at our office, is most interesting; and we trust that the Congress may receive the support of as many of our members as possible.

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IN 1897 the Council of the Royal Asiatic Society established a Jubilee Gold Medal, to be awarded every third year, as an encouragement to Oriental learning amongst English-speaking people throughout the world; and to meet the expense contributions were invited from those interested in the scheme.

A beautiful design was prepared, and dies engraved, by Mr. Pinches; the first Medal was awarded, on the report of a Committee of Selection, to Professor Cowell, and was presented to him by Lord Reay at a Special General Meeting of the Society, the proceedings of which will be found reported in the Journal for July, 1898.

The subscriptions (including interest on deposits) amounted to £330 16s. 10d., and the disbursements (including cost of die) to £69 5s. 10d., leaving a balance of £261 11s. 0d., of which sum £215 6s. 0d. was expended in the purchase of £200 Nottingham Corporation 3 per cent. Irredeemable Stock (a Trustee Stock), and there is therefore a balance in hand of £46 5s. 0d. The amount invested forms the nucleus of an Endowment Fund; but as it is estimated that the cost of providing a Medal will amount to upwards of £24, and as it is to be given every third year, the annual income required will be about £8. To produce this another £100 Stock must be purchased, after providing the Medal for the present year. The deficiency is therefore about £90.

It is hoped that this amount will be forthcoming during the next few months, so that on the presentation of the Medal in the Summer of 1900 it may be announced that the entire sum has been raised.

Contributions, which will be acknowledged in the Society's Journal, will be received by the Secretary, or the Chairman of the Committee of the Medal Fund.

A. N. WOLLASTON,
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