that Columbus was born in 1456, or at the earliest in 1446. San Salvador is not Cat Island, as stated by some writers. Iceland and its islands, as approved by Becher and Major. Matters such as these may appear trivial, but the book would have been all the better had somewhat more attention been paid to historical accuracy. There were numerous illusory passages, for the most part well executed.

The Children's Fairy Geography; or, a Merry Trip round Europe. By Forbes E. Winslow, M.A. (Skeffington & Son.)

Mr. Forbes E. Winslow, favourably known as the author of a number of enviable works, has undertaken to write a series of works on geography which shall make its study "interesting as well as instructive. With that object in view he has taken it to the children on a grand tour through Europe. It would be difficult to tell why he calls his book a 'Fairy Geography.' Fairies never aided the travellers in their researches, for the electric boots and other contrivances are introduced as the author's own inventions. It cannot be said that he extracts much fun from these things, and he would have got on quite as well with old-fashioned mail coaches, steamboats, and railways. The author's descriptions are, for the most part, lively, and will be relished by his readers; but, notwithstanding "some of the hardest reading that he ever had," his statements of facts cannot always be trusted. Why let unwilling readers to believe that South Wales is the only iron-yielding district of Great Britain? Is it really true that Kidminster carpets are made at Brussels, and Brussels carpets at Kidminster? Has Edinburgh acquired its epithet of "Auld Reekie" "on account of the smoke that sometimes hangs over it," or because of its "hard to see what instruction or amusement is to be derived from being told that the Black Forest is covered black with trees?" These are but a few of the many instances which the reader will have noted in the above passage.

I then wrote to Mr. Darwin, putting the facts before him as they appeared to myself, and asking an explanation; I received an answer that Dr. Krause's statements had been written and published, that the altered MS. had been sent for translation. "This is so common a practice," writes Mr. Darwin, with that "happy simplicity of which the English Gazette (Dec. 12th, 1879) declared him "to be a type," "that it never occurred to me to state that the article had been modified; but now I much regret that I did not do so." Mr. Darwin also states that it is a fact of the English life of Dr. Darwin, he will state that the original as it appeared in "Kosmos was modified by Dr. Krause." He does not, however, either deny or admit that the modification of the article was made by the light of, and with a view to, my book.

It is doubtless a common practice for writers to take an opportunity of revising their works, but it is not common when a covert condemnation of one's author has been written and published, and that the altered MS. had been sent for translation. "This is so common a practice," writes Mr. Darwin, with that "happy simplicity of which the English Gazette (Dec. 12th, 1879) declared him "to be a type," "that it never occurred to me to state that the article had been modified; but now I much regret that I did not do so." Mr. Darwin also states that it is a fact of the English life of Dr. Darwin, he will state that the original as it appeared in "Kosmos was modified by Dr. Krause." He does not, however, either deny or admit that the modification of the article was made by the light of, and with a view to, my book.

The following communications were read: On the Genus Pleuracanthus, Agass., including the Genus Echinocanthus, by Mr. E. M. Thompson.—Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite exhibited four specimens of early glazed tiles from St. Alban's Abbey, with some Notes on the Structure of the Stain Glass in the Cathedral of Barcelona, presented by Mr. E. A. Bond, S.R. Bird, C.W. Dymond, G. Payne, jun., and Rev. T. F. Falkner.—The Council decided that Mr. E. A. Bond, jun., shall be a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.