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PREFATORY.

Details are essential in this narrative which should be read from first to last in order to comprehend an evolution of ambition and diplomacy without precedent, I am sure, in the history of learned societies.

The names of 100 or more persons appear in this monograph, and the representative character of subscribers, whose views are given, is seen in the fact that among them is a great historian, a noted editor, a capitalist associated with a vast trust, the most finished scholar of our oldest university, and the head of the largest parish in America.

Reference, also, is made to many newspapers and journals; the views of several editors are stated.

The portraits of my close associates, AMBLIA B. EDWARDS and R. STUART POOLE, will be welcomed by my readers. Had they been living, the disgraceful condition of affairs could not have occurred.

I have only a very incomplete list of American subscribers' addresses, and none of the English. I will mail, free of cost, this monograph to such addresses furnished me.

Sir John Fowler, predecessor of the present President of the Fund, declared officially that "in any reorganization of the American Branch the approval of American subscribers is essential." The best English and American sentiment cannot approve of the manner in which the American Branch has been reorganized. Nor can it approve of the course pursued by those controlling the London Committee towards the Boston Office, over whose work I was placed in "general control."

The moral lesson from our "strange but true" story is this: that "diplomacy" has no proper place in the administration of a society like the Egypt Exploration Fund, and that those who practice the art should no longer direct its Committee. Many of the best subscribers condemn the action in London, and, as will appear, a well-known scholar puts this fitting question to the new Committee, "Can you expect to command the confidence and further efforts of subscribers under such circumstances?"

W. C. W.

Boston, July 1, 1903.

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