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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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W. HEFFER & SONS, LTD., Publishers, Cambridge, have in the press a volume entitled *Cements and Artificial Stones: A Descriptive Catalogue of the Specimens in the Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge*, by the late John Watson, Hon. M.A. (Cantab.), F.G.S.; edited by R. H. Rastall, Sc.D. This book, like the works of the same author on *Building Stones* and *Marbles*, is much more than a mere catalogue of specimens. The student will find in it a brief history of the origin and development of the cement industry, as well as instructive notes on the manufacture and uses of the various kinds of cement, concrete, and artificial stone, which are exhibited in the Economic Department of the Sedgwick Museum of Geology, at Cambridge. Professor J. E. Marr, Sc.D., F.R.S., contributes a preface, in which he states that the book should be found useful by all who are interested in the subject.

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THE National Academy of Sciences in Washington has awarded the gold B. G. Elliot Medal to Dr. Othenio Abel, Professor of Palæobiology in the University of Vienna, for his memoir entitled "Methoden der palæobiologischen Forschung" published in Abderhalden's *Handbuch der biologischen Arbeitsmethoden*.