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The local Government could not have made a better choice in selecting Mr. Cockburn as successor to Dr. Fuhrer. The former gentleman is probably well known to a good many of your readers, having worked in the Calcutta Museum before he joined the Opium Department. Not only is Mr. Cockburn versed in folk-lore, in antiquarian research of every kind, but he also possesses an intimate acquaintance with natural history and can wield a very pretty pen. His "Autobiography of a Muggur" and "History of a Brahminy Duck" were clever sketches and amusing withal, and it is to be hoped that the Archaeological Department will receive help by his writings, as well as from his more strictly official task of deciphering ancient inscriptions and unearthing: relics—genuine ones—of Buddha or Asoka.