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together with the coins found there, illustrates the Crusader occupation. In some cases motifs are reminiscent of European heraldry, if not actual Crusading blazons, and one, it has been tentatively suggested, might be the coat of Austria or perhaps that of the Ibelin family of Tripoli and Antioch.

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E. B. W. CHAPPELOW.

## CHANDRAKĀNTA ABHIDĀN, A DICTIONARY OF THE ASSAMESE LANGUAGE.

The first Assamese dictionary was compiled by Jadurām Dekā Baruā, and published by Mr. Bronson of the American Baptist Mission in 1867. A second was compiled by Hemachandra Baruā and published by the Government of Assam in 1900. The present is the third; it work owes its origin to Rāi Bāhādur Rādhākānta Hāndiqui who, in memory of his sons <u>Chandrakānta and Indrakānta</u>, created a trust fund of Rs. 30,000 for the advancement of the Assamese language, to be administered by the Assam Sāhitya Sabhā. It has been compiled under the auspices of the Sabhā, Mr. Debésvar <u>Chaliha being the editor-in-chief. An introduction dealing</u> with the origin and affinities of the language and its grammar and structure has been written by Mr. Debānanda Bharāli.

This dictionary appears to have been very carefully compiled. In addition to the meanings of the words, both in Assamese and English, their derivation is given and also, in many cases, quotations from well known writings illustrating their use. All concerned are to be congratulated on an excellent piece of work.

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E. A. GAIT.

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