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THE Seventh Volume of the "RECORDS OF THE PAST" contains a selection of translations of Cunciform inscriptions of various kinds, chiefly mythological and historical. The attraction of this new branch of study, and the publication for general use of the records, have given a new impetus to the research; and it will be seen that new students have entered upon the paths, and others are rapidly training under the public lectures given by the Society of Biblical Archæology. On the other hand, Assyriology has to deplore the loss of the late Mr. George Smith, whose translations had contributed so greatly to the study of the Cuneiform by an unrivalled knowledge of the monumental inscriptions. Although the actual excavations have been suspended, and it might be anticipated that the study might therefore be arrested by the want of a fresh supply of original documents, it