

MISCELLANEOUS.

BUDDHIST OMISSIONS IN HASTINGS'S DICTIONARY OF RELIGION AND ETHICS.

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Never before was there such an international and interreligious cyclopedia as this. Never before on the same leaf (see "Ages of the World") could the seeker for truth find the usual Christian claim made and contradicted. For in this remarkable article the Christian writer says that the Christian Age of Gold is in the future and the pagan age of gold in the past; while on the same leaf the great Buddhist scholar, Louis de la Vallée Poussin, gives the textual proof that Buddhism also has a future Age of Gold, when another Buddha shall appear.

But while the world's second great religion receives more justice than ever before in a Christian cyclopedia, there are still some grave omissions. Thus, in the article "Assumption and Ascension," there is no mention of the Buddhist Ascension story, which first saw the light, in English, in *The Open Court* for February, 1900, and has since been twice reprinted in a well-known work. (See also Strong's *Udāna*).

In the article "Councils and Synods, Buddhist," La Vallée Poussin, with all his vast learning, omits one of the keys to the whole situation, viz., the Great Council account of the first schism, translated for us by Samuel Beal in the Introduction to *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. XIX.

Then again, the same valuable critic, in his article *Bodhisattva*, gives the volume of the London edition of the Majjhima Nīkāya where the Canonical story of Buddha's birth may be found, but forgets that the English appeared in *The Open Court* in August, 1898, reprinted as before.

Finally, Anesaki, in his splendid account of Buddhist Docetism (a doctrine supposed to be wholly Christian before 1902) refers to Kathāvatthu XVIII, I, which only specialists will understand, but omits to state where that passage is to be found in English, viz., in a book edited and published by the modest professor himself.

So far the letter D has been reached, but it is to be hoped that no more important Buddhist parallels or doctrines will be overlooked, and that the English sources, when available, will always be given.