

of whom, moreover, does not seem to have read him.¹ It was not till 1768 that he became accessible to the world in the second volume of unpublished monuments of Bohemian history, edited by the Reverend Gelasius Dobner, member of an educational order.² Dobner's qualifications for dealing with Bohemian history were probably superior to what he exhibits in commenting on Asiatic travels and geography. His notes on the latter subjects are often astonishing indeed, and are calculated amply to justify the foresight of his godfathers and godmothers in the name they gave him.

But though the account of Marignolli's journeys became thus *accessible* to the world, it only transferred its sleep from manuscript to type; for no one seems to have discovered these curious interpolations in a Bohemian chronicle till 1820, when an interesting paper on the subject was published by Mr. J. G. Meinert in the Transactions of the Scientific Society of Bohemia.³ He adopted the plan of extracting from Dobner all that bore upon Marignolli's travels, and then rearranging the passages in as orderly and continuous a form as they admitted of, accompanying the whole with an intelligent commentary.

An essay on Marignolli's travels has also been published by Professor Kunstmann in his series of papers already alluded to.⁴ To both of these articles I have been indebted for occasional suggestions, and especially for indications of some of the illustrative sources which I have followed up. But my work was far advanced before I met with Kunstmann.

The time when Marignolli digested the chronicles, and salted them with his recollections, cannot be precisely determined. All that can be said positively is, that it was *after* his nomination as bishop (for that dignity is specified in the title and body of the

¹ These are, according to Dobner, Hagecius, and Matthias Bolesluzky, a historian of the seventeenth century.

² *Monumenta Historica Bohemiæ nusquam antehac edita, etc., Collegit, etc., P. Gelasius Dobner a S. Catherina, Clericis Regularibus Scholarum Piarum*, tom. i, Prague, 1764; tom. ii, *ib.*, 1768.

³ *Abhandl. der K. Böhm. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften*, vol. vii. "Johannes von Marignola Minderen Bruders und Pabstlichen Legaten Reise in das Morgenland, etc. Aus dem Latein übersetzt, geordnet und erläutert von J. G. Meinert, etc."

⁴ See p. 39 *supra*.