

the assembly by the voluntary gift of the neighbouring people. Poles were erected at different places round the scene of the festivity, on which were suspended green boughs,—to these places were brought skins of milk; and numbers of baskets, out of which they drank, were kept constantly filled. Several children were employed in fanning away the flies, that would otherwise soon fill the vessels to the great annoyance and disgust of the Caffer, who has the greatest dislike to those insects.
(To be concluded in the next.)

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October 2.—Dr. SMITH called the attention of the Society to several South African birds which were placed upon the table, but more particularly to the following, which he described and named:

Crithagra albogularis. Above greenish grey with some dark variegation; rump and tail coverts greenish yellow; chin, throat, and eyebrows white; breast and flanks dusky grey; centre of belly, vent, and under tail coverts white; wing and tail feathers brownish, slightly edged with dull white. Length five inches and a half.

Inhabits South Africa.

Sir WM. JARDINE, it was stated, regards this as the female of *Crithagra sulphurata*, but it was added, that they are never found associated together, nor even in the same localities.

Corythaix concolor. Forehead with a long crest, which, with the entire plumage, is greyish, faintly mottled in some places with fine, dull, reddish white transverse lines; quill feathers dark brownish; tail very long, hoary grey with a deep greenish gloss, particularly towards the tip; bill, legs, and toes black. Length nineteen inches.

Inhabits South Africa, inland of Port Natal.

It was remarked that this bird differed in several points, particularly in the form of the bill, from the typical species of the genus, and that it might hereafter require to be made the type of a new division, under the name of *Corythaixoides*.

Francolinus Natalensis. Top of head, back, scapulars, shoulders, and tail, light brown, finely mottled with brownish black and tawny white, the former in the shape of longitudinal blotches upon the scapulars; eyebrows, sides of head, neck, breast, and anterior part of belly, variegated black and white; posterior part of belly, vent, and under tail coverts, a mixture of black, tawny white, and light brown; bill reddish brown; legs, toes, and claws, reddish yellow; eyes brown. Length from bill to tip of tail twelve inches and a half.

Inhabits brushwood thickets in the vicinity of Natal.