THE WHITE RHINOCEROS IN ZULULAND.

Sir,—I notice in Mr George Lacy's letter in the Field of June 22 that he expresses astonishment at the announcement made by Mr C. R. Varndell that he shot a white rhinceros in Zululand last year. I have lately returned from South Africa, and visited an old friend



of mine out there—Mr W. F. Frirmstone, living at Ygola, near Charlestown. His brother, Mr G. Firmstone, shot a fine white rhinoceres ball on the Black Unwalest, Zululand, last year, Unwalest, Zululand, last year, of the Black and White Unwalest views. I saw the skin (which Mr Firmstone has in his possession), and I photographed the horn which measured 34in. round the board for the photograph of the form for each photograph of the form for the feet of the animal figure at the base of the horn.

I have seen a specimen of the head of the white rhinoceros (R. simus), and an entire specimen of the black rhinoceros (R. bicornis), in the museum in Capetown, shot by Mr Scloos; and it is impossible to mistake a white rhinoceros when you see him. though nothing at all the control of the co

the black, and has a good deal larger head. I can testify emphatically to the rhimoceros killed by Mr Firmstone last year in Zululand being a specimen of the white rhimoceros (R. simus). C. D. Guise.

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I certainly supposed they had been cleared out of the country years ago, but they were there in 1870. I have not heard of his death, so hope that John Dunn is still alive. R. J. Edmunns.

Edderton, Welshpool, June 24.

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Sir.—I can assure Mr George Lacy, in answer to his letter in the last Field, that there were plenty of white rhinoceros in Zulahand in 1870. I and three friends (all of whom I survive, and whose loss I still mourn, and whose memories I still cherish) went into the still mourn, and whose memories I still cherish, when it is the week of the control of the con

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Sin_—Having known Mr C. R. Varndell for many years, I have been nost interested in the letters which have recently appeared in the letters which have recently appeared in the letters which have recently appeared in the Field on the subject of the white rhincores in Zuhland. I received a letter from Mr Varndell last week, in which he tells me that he intends starting next month on another shooting expedition to the dy country, and that he has a commission from the Natal Museum co-brain for them, if possible, the skin of a white rhincore, mg. Mr Lacy's letter reaches Zuhland, and therefore be unable to reply to it for some months.

To settle the doubts which have arisen in Mr Lacy's mind, may I angeet that he calls on Mesers Rowland Ward and Co, who will doubtless be pleased to show him or any of his South African sporting doubt the big game of Zuhland, and should not trouble you, but that I wish to see fair play for an old shorting chum.

Almondsbury, Gloucestershire, June 24.

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Sir,—I have read with interest Mr Lacy's letter on the extinction of the white rhinocreos in Zuuliand, and his scepticism in regard to Mr Varndell's statement of having shot one last year in that country. Though if I Lacy did not see any of them in the years he mentions of in 1876, in which year I went on a shooting trip with Mr A. G. Moore, a well-known hunter and companion of John Dunn. I shot, in Usipebu's territory, an old bull white rhinoceros (whose skull I have), and I saw two others. Anyone who knows the South African animals will be aware that it is impossible to one the short of the shape of the head and mamer of feeding being quite different. As regards the externination of the former, Mr Sclous says in his latest book of "Travel and Adventure in South-East Africa," that as "it was entirely confined to those parts of Southern, South-Eastern, "that as "it was entirely confined to those parts of Southern, South-Eastern, "that as "it was entirely confined to those parts of Southern, South-Eastern, "that as not south of the south of t

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LONDON BIRDS.

Sir.,—With reference to the list of birds seen at Wimbledon, which Mr. Tegetmeier has given in last week's mmber as having been written down by me at the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' (lub, I should like to add a few words of explanation.

I may say that my observations extend, more or less disjointedly over a period of about thirty years, that many of the rarer birds mentioned have only of the last of last of

Woodpeckers.—All three species used to be not very uncommon, but now are very rare.

The Cirl Bunting I have seen only once, and that was in Cottenham Park about twenty years ago. There were two Laphand buntings seen on the common during the very severe weather in February of the present year.

Gulls of the larger species cross regularly every spring in a N.E. direction; and in the hast cold weather there were black-headed gulls about for several days.

I have some doubt about the following five: Common bunting,

crossbill, sishin, red-legged partridge, jack snipe. But I find that I did not include the following, all of which may be called common: the control of the

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Additions to the Menagerie, Regent's Park, from June 17 to June 23.

Date.	Name.	Country.	How obtained.	in the Gardens
June				California de la Califo
17	1 Rhesus Monkey (Macacus rhesus) ♀		Presented by Mrs Stevens	House
**	1 Korin Gazelle (Gazella rufifrons) 2		Deposited	Gazelle Sheds
19	1 Naked-necked Iguana (Iguana delicatissima)	Tropical America	Ditto	Reptile House
**	1 Burrhel Wild Sheep (Ovis burrhel) 2		Bred in the Me-	
11	I Patagonian Cavy (Doli- chotis patachonica)		Ditto	Emu Pad- docks
"	2 Javan Parrakeets (Palæornis javanica) ♂ ♀	Java	Presented by LieutGen. Sir H. B. Lumsden	Parrot House
18	2 Crested Pigeons (Ocy- phaps lophotes)			Western Aviary
"	2 Triangular - spotted Pigeons (Columba guinea)		Bred in the Me- nagerie Ditto	Ditto
19	2 Vinaceous Doves (Tur- tur vinaceus)		Ditto	Ditto
**	2 Undulated Grass Parra- keets (Melopsittacus undulatus)		Ditto	Ditto
19	1 Blue and Yellow Ma-		Deposited	Parrot House
"	1 White - crested Jay- Thrush (Garrulax leu- colophus)	India	Received in Ex- change	Western Aviary
"	1 Striated Jay - Thrush (Grammatoptila striata)	India	Ditto	Ditto
19	3 Glossy Ibises (Plegadis falcinellus)		Bred in the Me-	Night Herons
20	9 Red-beaked Weaver Birds (Quelea sanguini- rostris) 4 & 5 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		nagerie Purchased	Insect House
21	1 Green-winged Trum- peter (Psophia viridis)	STATE OF THE PARTY	Presented by Mr H. A. Astlett	Eastern Aviary
	1 Tachiro Goshawk (Astur tachiro)		Purchased	Aviary Northern Aviary
19	34 Black Salamanders (Salamandra atra)	Europe	Deposited	Reptile House
23	1 Diamond Snake (More- lia spilotes)	Austral'a	Presented by Mr M. Mitchener	a ministration of
"	1 Natal Python (Python natalensis) *	South Africa.	Presented by Mr W. Norman	Ditto

NOTES AND QUERIES ON NATURAL HISTORY.

REARING YOUNG EAGLES.—An eagle in captivity is always to me an object of the greatest compassion, and if they were only able to take care of themselves after confinement. I would gladly pay the ransom of every poor prisoner. What is the value of a few grouse and blue hares to the pleasure of an occasional sight of this king among birds in his native wilds? As regards the two young eagles on their journey south, and if a friend of naine had a sum and ourse their feeding, and given instructions for a continuance of it, I do not think they would have lived through a third of their journey.—C.A. SEUTH-RYLAND, (Barford Hill, Warwick).

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G. A. SMITH-RYLAND, (Barford Hill, Warwick).

THE AMERICAN BADGER.—Having noticed several letters in the Field relative to badgers and their habits, I venture to send you an account of what happened to me some years ago in Los Angeles County, California. I was at that time living on my ranch five miles the property of the property of the control of

proximity to what he called "a savage beat,"—Enwand P. Tomsinson, Retired Lieut. R.N. (Pasadem, Los Angeles County, California, sox, Retired Lieut. R.N. (Pasadem, Los Angeles County, California, sox, Retired Lieut. R.N. (Pasadem, Los Angeles County, California, Orallon, California, California,

where, as in India, they have run wild. They are remarkable for extraordinary variation in size, from the enormous bullocks of Mysore, used for Ordinance purposes, to the dwarf animals in the recklas. The recklas consists of a pair of light wheels, on the axles of which is fixed recklas on the recklas of the property of the recklas of the recklas on the recklas on the recklas of the recklas of

From coruling catter by use mass, are the case of varieties without hours.—20. I all off interleaved volume of Jordon's "Mammals of India" I find a M S. not to the effect that the word "control and not occur in any Adside language as meaning a humped ox (Bos not occur in any Adside language as meaning a humped ox (Bos not occur in any Adside language as meaning a humped ox (Bos not occur in any Adside language as meaning a humped ox (Bos 12 of the first occur in the log of the first occur in the J. L. Kipling's book, "Beast and Man in India," from some independent source. The next point is if the story is true to know we see the log of the sum of the log of the log of the sum of the log of log of log of the log of log

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A CCIDENTS, many of which have had a fatal termination, have formed an unpleasantly prominent feature of the road-riding of the present season. Indeed, so many deaths have concurred that, the proportion of these fatalities is greater now than in the days of the old-fashioned high machine, which, in the opinion of those who were not practically acquainted with it, was the embodiment of danger. The deduction to be drawn from the presentation of such facts as are riders have mostly come to grief in the descent of steep hills. The inference is that they were either unskilful in the management of their machines or were unprovided with brakes. With regard to the first of these causes, little can be done to check the disastrous consequences to which the negligenees of the novice are advanys liable, combine with incompetency the indiscretion of youth, the necessity for a greater degree of vigilance and cantion. The other class—the brakeless riders—from which the victims are largely recruited, belong to a different category. Year by year an increasing number dispense with the security which the possession of a brake afforder. Which is the security which the possession of a brake afforder which is the security which the possession of a brake afforder which is the security of the present at the presence of the prese

would meet with scant sympathy.

There seems to be no room for further doubt that the American bicyclist, Lens, who early last year made an attempt to traverse Asiatio Turkey, has lost his life. A telegram from Constantinople reports that the United States minister may be a subject to the control of the state of the control of the control of the control of the control of the state of the state of the control of the state of the s

A very successful race meeting was held on Saturday last by the recently-formed North Lancashire centre of the National Cyclists' Union, which embraces Cumberland and Westmorland in the spher of its operations. The ground of the Blackburn Rovers at Ewood