

## BENGAL.

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.—Fresh attractions are being constantly added to these already very attractive gardens, and one of the last is certainly a novelty which far eclipses Signor Chiarini's skill in training his late bison. The young rhinoceros has been broken in, not like the donkey in the cart, but like his big relation, the elephant, to saddle, and is ridden by his keeper round the enclosure of his abode. We understand that any one willing to pay a rupee may also have a ride, and the ride is certainly worth the money, as this is the first known instance of a rhinoceros submitting to be mounted. There have also been several other valuable additions to the collection lately. Notable amongst these are the two Sind wild asses presented by the Commissioner of Sind, to be seen at present in the stable: Then in the west verandah of the Durbhanga House is to be seen a specimen of a very rare and beautiful animal, a cat-bear, presented by Mr. Waller, of Darjeeling. A slow loris, otherwise called the bashful monkey or shamefaced cat, has been presented by Captain A. Evans Gordon, of Chittagong. This rare animal is close to the cat-bear. It has a young one only a few days old, which is only seen with difficulty, as it clings to its mother's body. A very interesting family of langoors has been presented to the garden by Rajah Rajendro Lal Mullick. In this family there is also a very small young one, constantly clinging to the mother. Mr. Ezra, who takes a great interest in the gardens, has also sent for three more giraffes which are shortly expected, and less important, but still interesting additions, are being made almost daily.—*Englishman, March 18.*