

school extension, and he will be glad to receive and acknowledge all sums sent him for the very laudable objects which the directors have in view.

IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

The Honorary Committee for the management of these Gardens have recently obtained, through the kindness of Mr. Bernard, Chief Commissioner of British Burma, a young two horned Rhinoceros. It is a charming little beast of the size of a pig, and covered over with woolly hair. As far as it is possible to determine the specific identity of so young an animal, it is a young male of the hairy eared Rhinoceros—*Rhinoceros lasiotis* of the Zoologists, of which only two specimens are now known to be living in confinement, one in the Committee's collection in these Gardens, and the other in that of the Zoological Society of London, where it was purchased in 1869 for £1,250.

The men who secured the baby endeavoured to trap the female also, but she managed to escape by diving into the sea and swimming off to a neighbouring point. It is, however, hoped that they will succeed in their endeavour and earn the handsome reward of Rs. 500 which the Committee have put on her head.

THE ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO H. M. THE QUEEN BY THE INHABITANTS OF CALCUTTA.

With the sanction of the Secretary of State, the following improved scale of ordinary pensions for the European Civil Engineers of the superior Engineering Branch of the Public Works Department and those who may be transferred from that branch to any other branch of the Department has been adopted :—

No. of years' service.	Sixtieth parts of average emoluments.	Subject to a maximum of
10	20	1,000 } 1,400 } 1,800 } 2,200 } 2,600 } On medical certificate.
11	21	
12	22	
13	23	
14	24	
15	25	3,000 } 4,000 } Without medical certificate. 5,000 }
16	26	
17	27	
18	28	
19	29	
20 to 24	30	4,000 } 5,000 }
25 and upwards		

All officers now in the Department will, at the time of retirement, be allowed the option between the above scale and the pensions allowable under present rules.

2. The following special additional pensions are also authorised, as rewards of approved service, for those officers who serve in the high and responsible positions of Chief and Superintending