

FOR DECEMBER, 1863.

The monthly general meeting of the Society was held on the 2nd instant.

A. Grote, Esq., in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Presentations were received—

1. From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department—a copy of a report by R. H. Davies, Esq., on the trade of Central Asia.

2. From Baboo Ganendra Mohun Tagore, Professor of Hindoo Law in University College, London—a pamphlet containing the substance of a lecture delivered by him before the Ethnological Society of London, “On the formation and institution of the caste system—the Aryan polity.”

3. From Baboo Prosonno Coomar Tagore—a copy of his English translation of *Viváda Ohintámani* from the original Sanskrit of Váchaspati Misra.

4. From his Highness the Mahárajah of Burdwan—a copy of the *Ádi* and the *Sabhá parvas* of the Mahábhárata in Sanskrit, with a Bengali translation, published under his auspices.

The following gentlemen duly proposed at the last meeting were balloted for and elected ordinary members:—The Rev. M. D. C. Walters; A. G. Walker, Esq.; J. Forsyth, Esq.; and T. Dickens, Esq.

W. Murray, Esq., B. C. S. was then proposed by Mr. Cowell for ballot as ordinary member at the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Blanford.

The Secretary read the following report, which had been adopted by the Council, on a proposition submitted by Mr. C. Horne for facilitating a more extended correspondence on Natural History subjects:—

“The practicability of carrying out Mr. Horne’s proposition depends mainly on the assistance afforded by those interested in its accomplishment, the Council being unanimously of opinion that a published list of naturalists, numismatists, and others would be of great assistance to those engaged in these studies, and it is believed that such a list would facilitate the exchange of duplicate specimens, and at the same time enable those interested in special subjects to know in what quarter to apply for information and assistance.

The Report having been read, it was proposed by Colonel Thuillier, seconded by Mr. Grote, that it be adopted. The proposition being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for the Council and officers for the next year.

Colonel Thuillier and Mr. W. L. Heeley were appointed scrutineers, and at the close of the ballot the chairman announced the following result:—

Council—E. C. Bayley, Esq., President; Captain W. N. Lees, Dr. T. Anderson, Baboo Rajendralal Mitra, Vice-Presidents; Dr. J. Fayrer; E. B. Cowell, Esq.; Dr. S. B. Partridge; J. Obbard, Esq.; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Dickens; Lieut.-Col. J. E. Gastrell; Lieut.-Col. H. Hyde; H. Leonard, Esq.; Baboo Jadava Krishna Sing;—H. F. Blanford, Esq., and W. L. Heeley, Esq., Joint Secretaries.

The meeting then resolved itself into an ordinary general meeting.

The following presentations were announced—

1. From Col. Fytche, Commissioner, Tenasserim Division, British Burmah,—heads and horns of a male and a female double-horned rhinoceros, from the source of the Tenasserim river.

2. From Baboo Rajendra Mullick,—a dead hybrid goat, and a kangaroo.

3. From Baboo Shoshee Chunder Dutt,—a copy of his work entitled *Stray Leaves, or Essays, Poems, and Tales*.

4. From the Bombay Government,—a copy of a Sindi work entitled *Saswi and Punhu*.

5. From Captain F. Stubbs,—a number of coins collected at different times, in the Punjab and Delhi.

A vote of thanks to the above donors was proposed by the President, and carried unanimously.

Letters from Lieut.-Col. L. Pelly, Lieut. W. J. Stewart, Rev. J. C. Thompson, E. G. Glazier, Esq., and Saheb Zada Mohammad Walagohur, intimating their desire to withdraw from the Society, were recorded.

W. Murray, Esq., proposed at the last meeting was balloted for and elected an ordinary member.

The following gentlemen were named for ballot as ordinary members at the next meeting:—

Hon'ble Sumbhoo Nauth Pundit, Judge of the High Court, Calcutta, proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by the President.