

has given rise to the very natural conclusion that there is some mystery at the bottom of the affair.

### SPORT IN INDIA.

The Maharajah of Kuch Behar, who has come to England to compliment the Queen on her jubilee, has brought a collection of hunting trophies from his own dominions. It will be remembered that the mimic Indian jungle which excited so much interest at the last great Exhibition at South Kensington was contributed by his Highness, who still speaks with pleasure of its popularity here. The tigers from that scene now form part of a tropical group, with trees, long grass, and everything complete, in the Maharajah's palace. The collection which he has now in this country includes the remains of tigers, elephants, rhinoceroses, buffaloes, leopards, and boars, all shot by the Maharajah, who is a mighty hunter, and always ready to welcome English sportsmen. When at home he can show visitors fine sport, particularly with the rhinoceros, which is frequently found in Kuch Behar. One of the trophies alluded to is the skin of the tiger measuring 11ft. 2in. from the nose to the tip of the tail. It is the largest ever secured in Kuch Behar, if not in the whole of India. The animal, while in the act of charging, was killed by his Highness with a single shot. The elephant's skull and tusks in the collection are exceptional, inasmuch as they belonged not to a wild beast, but to a tame one. It had, however, become "musty"—a condition feared in the case of the late lamented Jumbo—and after knocking down another elephant attacked a keeper. Fortunately the man escaped the animal's tusks, but his ribs were broken by its head. There are also the head and horns of a wild buffalo or Arnee bull, which achieved distinction just before his death. Having taken up his quarters near a village he was visited by several natives, whereupon he returned the compliment by killing two of them. Then the Maharajah arrived, and the bull lost for ever his chance of further glory. All the trophies are in the hands of Mr. Rowland Ward, Piccadilly, who has with great skill prepared them for ornamental and useful purposes in the Maharajah's palace. Out of the rhinoceros hide he has by a process of his own manufactured some beautiful tables, whips, letter-racks, card-trays, inkstands, and so on. They are semi-transparent, of the colour of amber, and, while taking a brilliant polish, show in some cases the grain of the skin through the smooth, level surface.

### THE WESLEYANS AND THE CRIMES BILL.

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