

Elliott's Carnatic Inscriptions, MSS. 2 vols.

Freytag's Chrestomathiæ Arabica Grammatica Historia, Bonne, 1834, vol. 2d, and 1st, chapters 7 to 14, vols.

Freytag's Liber Arabicus seu Fructus Imperatorum et Jociatio ingeniosorum, Bonne, 1832, 4to. 1 vol.

Dastoor-Ool-Aunwar, (Persian,) 1 vol.

Kittab Mat-Laol-Audda-en, 1 vol.

Read letter from JAS. CRICHTON, Esq. Colonial Surgeon, with a box of Insects from Western Australia.

Read letter from H. B. HINTON, Esq. Civil Surgeon, Akyab, with six Geological Specimens for the Economic Department of the Asiatic Society.

(To these, reference has been made in the Curator's Report.)

Read Memorandum on the organization of a Museum of Economic Geology for the North-Western Provinces of British India, submitted by Lieut. BAIRD SMITH, of the Engineers, agreeably to the request of the Society.

Ordered—That a copy of the Memorandum be forwarded to Government, and the original made over to the Secretary for publication in his Journal.

Read letter from Mr. H. COPE, of Mussoorie, offering his services for the collection of Lichens, for the purpose of assisting the researches set on foot by Mr. PID-DINGTON, for the extraction of colouring matter from them.

Read letter from Mr. Secretary BUSHBY, of 15th September 1841, intimating that the Resident of Indore had been written for information respecting the Nurma Cotton, and for specimens of the seeds and soils, and that a communication would be also made to the Lieutenant Governor at Agra, that reference may be made to the Sudder Board of Revenue at Allahabad, and to Mr. BRUCE of Bundelcund, who is stated to be well acquainted with the Nurma Cotton of Malwa.

Report for the Month of September, by the Curator.

ANIMAL KINGDOM.

"The arrival of two large and double glazed cabinets in the Museum, for the reception of the stuffed specimens of Mammalia, at the time of my taking charge of the Society's collections, has occasioned me to bestow more particular attention on this department, during the brief period that has elapsed since I assumed the duties of the Curatorship, and I have accordingly inspected and properly arranged what few specimens there as yet exist illustrative of the living Mammalia of India, and have labelled every species with its synonyms, so far as I have been successful in determining the latter.

"With the important accessions in this class with which the Museum has been enriched during the past month, the entire number of species of which we possess some portion, more or less, amounts to 147. There are eighty stuffed specimens, pertaining to 64 species; and seven other species may be considered as temporarily represented by imperfect skins; indeed, many of the former require exceedingly to be replaced

Bucco Indicus,

Eudynamys orientalis, (male and female, remarkable for the great sexual diversity of plumage,)

Centropus pyrrhopterus,

Lanius Hardwickii,

Lanius minor ?

Copsychus saularis, (Wagler,)

Hæmatornis, (Swainson,) a species nearly allied to *H. Caffer*, but much smaller, having the upper parts, with the hind-neck and breast, of a hair-brown colour, slightly fringed (as in *H. Caffer*) with greyish, and the under-parts dull-white, mixed with brown anteriorly; in other respects a miniature of *H. Caffer*: entire length $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; of wing $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; tail $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches; tarse $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and bill from forehead $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Should it be undescribed, I propose for it the appellation *H. pusillus*.

Pitta brachyura,

Oriolus aureus,

Euplectes Phillipensis,

Pyrgita Domestica,

Cinnyris Mahrattensis, (two specimens,)

———— *sola,*

Perdix Argoondah, (male and female,) *Coturnix Argoondah*, Sykes,

Hemipodius pugnax,

Glareola torquata,

Tachydromus Asiaticus,

Parra Sinensis, (adult and young,)

Himantopus melanopterus.*

"I have also to acknowledge the donations of a fresh-killed specimen of *Pteropus medius* from Mr. J. J. Maclean; of a fine Alexandrine Parroquet, (*Palæornis Alexandri*,) from Mr. L. Swarries; of a Bat, (*Scotophilus castaneus*,) from Mr. Bouchez; and two young Bats, of a species nearly allied to the European *Pipistrelle*, have been picked up in the compound surrounding the Museum.

A large box of Insects, collected in the Australian settlement of Swan River, has also been presented to the Society by Mr. Crichton of that place, containing many interesting specimens, and especially valuable for the number of duplicates comprised, the importance of which, properly distributed, need not be further adverted to. The collection contains 287 specimens, referrible to about 80 species, and the *Coleoptera* outnumbering all the other orders. A considerable number of native insects have been taken by a person I have employed for the purpose.

"In the Osteological department, the skeleton of the Rhinoceros, which was much soiled and badly set up, has been taken to pieces, cleaned, and is now in process of being remounted. Several small skeletons are also in course of preparation, and some skulls have been added to the collection. A skin of the Yak, (*Bos grunniens*,) which,

* The whole of these specimens were collected in the Zillah of Chingleput, as Mr. Ross has since informed me.—Cur. As. Soc.

for five years, has been hanging to the wall of one of the apartments, I have had moistened and stuffed, and the skull, which was wanting in the collection, taken out and cleaned. The mounted skin now forms a very good specimen of the stuffed animal.

MINERAL KINGDOM.

But a single donation has arrived during the past month in this department, consisting of six specimens, presented by H. B. Hinton, Esq. for the Museum of Economic Geology; viz:—

- One example of Granite Rock in the Ganges at Puturghat,
- One of Hornblende, from Sicrigully, Rahjmahel,
- Trap, called Whinstone by Buchanan, from the same locality,
- Kunkur, ditto,
- Quartz, ‘fat and mealy,’ ditto, and
- Iron, ditto.

“Lastly, Dr. Lloyd has sent for deposit in the Society’s Museum, a Deep Sea Clam and Cylinder, of which every care will of course be taken.”

The Secretary, before reading the foregoing report of the Curator, (Mr. BLYTH,) took occasion to introduce him to the meeting, and proposed that the services of Mr. PIDDINGTON, late Curator, be suitably acknowledged.

The best thanks of the Society were accordingly accorded to Mr. PIDDINGTON, for his valuable services during the time he officiated as Curator, and hope expressed that he would continue to afford his services in the good cause which he has as much at heart as the Society, to promote.

Read a proposal from Molovi Abdoollah to reprint in Persian, the “*Hedayah*,” and soliciting the patronage of the Society for the undertaking, by their subscription for 100 copies.

This proposal not coming within the province of the Society, it was proposed by Dr. HÆBERLIN, and seconded by the Secretary, that the Society subscribe for five copies, as an encouragement to the Molovi for his undertaking.

The proposal having been put to the vote, it was lost by a shew of hands: ordered, therefore that the proposal be declined, and the Molovi informed accordingly.

Read letter of 1st October 1841, from Dr. HÆBERLIN, submitting his reasons for proposing that Professor H. EWALD, of Tübingen in Wirtemberg, be elected an Honorary Member of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

Read report from the Secretary and Officiating Curator of the Society of the 18th June last, with correspondence on the subject of the Geological Collections of Capt. HUTTON.

Ordered, that the subjects of two foregoing papers be submitted to the Committee of Papers for consideration and report.

Read the following report from the Librarian for July last:—

SIR,—I have the honour of transmitting to you my report of last month, requesting you to lay it before the Committee of Papers.