

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL,
FOR MAY, 1863.

The monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bengal was held on the 6th instant.

E. C. Bayley, Esq., in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the chairman having put the question that they be confirmed, Mr. Oldham moved that the paragraph commencing, "The motion was opposed" so far as the words "due notice given" be omitted.

The chairman stated that the note quoted in Mr. Grote's amendment had been advisedly omitted from the record of the proceedings, as being explanatory only, but that it could be inserted if the meeting thought it expedient.

Mr. Oldham's motion having been put to the vote, was lost, and the record of the proceedings, with the addition of the note referred to, was then confirmed; Mr. Oldham then handed in a protest on the ground that the record was in his opinion "incorrect, partial, and unfair."

Presentations were received—

1. From the National Hungarian Museum, a collection of fishes, reptiles, birds and mammals.
2. From A. G. Macdonald, Esq., through Mr. J. D. Gordon, a skull and teeth of *Rhinoceros Indicus*.
3. From Lieutenant-Colonel E. T. Dalton, several crania from Ranchee, in Chota-Nagpore.
4. From Baboo Giridharee Lal, some supposed fossils from Rajmehal.

5. From Colonel Phayre, four inscribed tiles with Buddhist figures, found at Pagan.

6. From the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, several publications of the Society.

7. From the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for War, through the Superintendent of the Ordnance Survey, a copy of the Meteorological Observations, taken at the Stations of the Royal Engineers, during 1853-59.

8. From the Under-Secretary, Government of India, Foreign Department, a copy of a report on the Island of Mahi, the largest of the Seychelle group, by Lieutenant-Colonel L. Pelly.

The following correspondence between the Council and a Committee of gentlemen at Lahore who had associated themselves for the furtherance of the objects of the Society, was submitted for the information of the meeting :—

To THE SECRETARY TO THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL.

Dated Lahore, January, 1863.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of the proceedings of a meeting held at Lahore on the 27th instant for the purpose of devising some plan for collecting information concerning the antiquities, ethnology, physical statistics, &c. of the Punjab and adjoining countries.

2. The Committee are anxious to co-operate, if possible, with your Society, and would feel obliged if you would intimate whether their proposal is acceptable, and in the event of its being so, will be thankful for their suggestions and guidance in the matter.

3. The first object of the Committee will be to collect, in a compact shape, all the information upon the above mentioned subjects which already exists scattered through the pages of local reports, magazines, and scientific journals.

4. Their next object will be to collect further information from local officers and other persons taking an interest in these subjects.

5. The Committee believe that, being placed, as they are, at the seat of the local Government, and having access to the Government records, they are favorably situated for carrying out both these objects ; at the same time they would wish it to be clearly understood that they have no intention to trespass upon the field already occupied