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4. *Catalogues.*—As soon as the large catalogue of the entire Library, alphabetical by authors' names, was completed in November, 1899, a subject catalogue, alphabetical by title entries, was started. So far the works of Fiction, Letters A—F, have been catalogued. The lists of monthly additions to the Library were printed as in former years, and the catalogue (18 pp.) containing the additions during the year was issued on the last day of the year.

5. *Subscribers.*—The number of subscribers, which at the end of 1899 stood at 349 (1 Life-member, 138 Class I, 210 Class II) reached the total of 355 (129 Class I, 226 Class II) during the first half of the present year. During the second half-year, however, the number of subscribers sank to 339 (137 Class I, 202 Class II) through the resignation of two out-stations.

The total receipts from subscriptions, etc. during the year rose to \$2,239.27 as against \$2,188.80 in 1899.

The death of the Hon'ble T. SHELFORD in January has deprived the Library of its last "Life-member". The "Life-Members" were the original Proprietors of the "Singapore Library", which was taken over by Government in 1875, and called thereafter the "Raffles Library".

6. *Subscription raised.*—From January 1st, 1901, the subscription in the First Class will be raised from \$10 to \$12, allowing four books instead of three as hitherto, and from \$4 to \$6 to out-stations.

7. *Annual Examination of the Library.*—For the first time for a number of years the Library was not closed during the first week in December for the annual examination of books. The experience of the last few years had been highly unsatisfactory, as a large proportion of subscribers could never be induced to return their books, either by advertisement or by sending of printed reminders; and the protracted annoyance resulting from fines imposed was so out of proportion to any advantage which could possibly be gained from the tracing of a few lost books, that it was decided to dispense this year with the examination of the Library.

## MUSEUM.

### Marine Invertebrates.

8. *Sponges.*—The collection contains now about seventy species of Silicea, a large number of Ceratosa, and a few Calcareo. Prolonged work was devoted to the Silicea and the following genera of Monaxonida identified: *Halichondria*, *Reniera*, *Petrosia*, *Chalina*, *Gellius*, *Gelliodes*, *Clathria*, *Esperella*, *Microciona*, *Rhaphidophlus*, *Raspailia*, *Hymeniacidium*, *Sideroderma*, *Cliona*, *Poterion*, *Suberites*, *Polymastia*,

now 184, a check-list of which was printed in December. The additions are: —

- Gehyra butleri*. Kuala Lumpor, Selangor Museum.  
*Draco formosus*. Larut Hills, 3,500'. do.  
*Lygosoma larutense*. Larut Hills, 4,000'. do.  
 ————*malayanum*. Larut Hills, 4000'. do.  
 ————*nativitatis*. Christmas Island. Mr. L. H. CLAYTON.  
 ————*sanctum*. Botanic Gardens, Singapore. Mr. RIDLEY; Semangkok Pass.  
 Selangor 2,000'. R. HANITSCH.  
 ————*scotophilum*. Batu Caves, Selangor. Selangor Museum.  
*Ablepharus egeria*. Christmas Island. Mr. L. H. CLAYTON.  
*Typhlops albiceps*. Larut Hills, 4,500'. Selangor Museum.  
*Macropisthodon flaviceps*. Kuala Lumpor. do.  
*Goniophis margaritatus*. Taipeng. do.  
*Calamaria vermiformis*, Larut Hills, 4,500'. do.

### Birds.

17. Several good skins, chiefly from Tanjong Katong, Singapore, were presented by Mr. C. BODEN KLOSS, and Mr. RIDLEY kindly sent the Museum, as in former years, all specimens which died in the Gardens collection. The show cases, some of which are very old, and none of them suitable for exhibition purposes, were provided with additional shelves and repainted. The Birds of Paradise, which early in 1899 were sent to Mr. J. CULLINGFORD, Durham, to be mounted, arrived here at the end of the year. They are beautiful specimens, and exceedingly well done, but do not show to advantage in the old case, in which for lack of better accommodation, they had to be placed. They comprise the following twenty species.

<i>Ptilorhis intercedens</i>	<i>Paradisca sanguinea</i>
——— <i>magnifica</i>	——— <i>raggiana</i>
<i>Selencides nigricans</i>	<i>Cincinnurus regius</i>
<i>Drepanornis albertisi</i>	<i>Diphyllodes xanthiptera</i>
——— <i>bruijii</i>	<i>Schlegelia wilsoni</i>
<i>Epimachus speciosus</i>	<i>Parotia seflata</i>
<i>Astrapia nigra</i>	——— <i>carolæ</i>
——— <i>splendidissima</i>	<i>Pteridophora alberti</i>
<i>Paradigalla carunculata</i>	<i>Semioplera wallacei</i>
<i>Paradisca jobiensis</i>	<i>Lophorhina superba</i>

### Mammals.

18. Two species and one variety new to the collection were presented by Dr. W. L. Abbott, viz. *Ratufa tiomanensis*, from Pulo Tioman, and *Sciurus bicolor*, var. *hunguranensis*, THOMAS and HURBERT, and *Semnopithecus natuna*, THOMAS and HURBERT, from the Natuna Islands, collected by himself. *Ratufa tiomanensis* had only recently been described for the first time by G. S. MILLER (Proc. Washington Acad. Sci., Vol. II, p. 216.) Several dead specimens from the Gardens Collection were presented by Mr. RIDLEY.

The most important addition, though it is only on loan, was a female *Rhinoceros sumatrensis*. It was caught in Perak for the Austrian Government, but died in Singapore before it could be shipped to Europe, and was mounted by the Museum staff. The Acting Consul-General for Austria, Mr. R. VON PUSTAU, kindly allowed it to remain in the Museum, and it is hoped that it will be acquired permanently for the collection.

### Geology.

19. In the Annual Report for 1897 it was stated that Mr. H. F. BELLAMY had presented to the Museum some specimens of fossiliferous rock from a railway cutting near Kuala Lipis, Pahang, probably the first fossiliferous rock ever obtained from the Peninsula. A portion of the material was forwarded to the British Museum and has recently been described and figured by Mr. R. BULLEN NEWTON, F. G. S., in the Proceedings of the Malacological Society, Vol. IV, pp. 130-135 ("On Marine Triassic Lamellibranchs discovered in the Malay Peninsula"). According to Mr. NEWTON, the fossils, exclusively Lamellibranchs, are imbedded in a sandstone which is generally light fawn-coloured and soft, in parts harder and reddish, and from the prevalence of *Alyophoria* present, a genus which is characteristic of the Trias, the term "Myophorian Sandstone" is suggested. The presence of the geographically widely distributed form *Chlamys valoniensis* further shows this rock to belong to the Rhætic or uppermost