

NEW ASIATIC RHINOCEROS.

DR. P. L. SCLATER, the secretary to the Zoological Society of London, has read to the British Association, a paper on a New Asiatic Rhinoceros. On the 14th of February the society received at the gardens in the Regent's Park a female two-horned rhinoceros, which had been taken near Chittagong by Captain Hood four years previously. The animal was at first believed by the writer and others to be an example of the *Rhinoceros Sumatrensis* of Cuvier, that being the only species of two-horned rhinoceros then recognised by naturalists. The acquisition of a female of the veritable Sumatran rhinoceros from Malacca had enabled Dr. Sclater to decide that the one first named belonged to a different species, which he proposed to call *Rhinoceros lasiotis*, on account of its most obvious external peculiarity, the long hairs which fringe the ears. He considered that there were now six well-defined species of rhinoceros, of which four belonged to the Asiatic and two to the African group. In reply to Mr. George Jefferys and Major-General Strachey, Dr. Sclater said it was not impossible that the rhinoceros referred to might belong to the same group as the taperine rhinoceros. He thought it desirable that a search should be made in the caves on the banks of the Indus for the remains of extinct specimens. Dentition had been so completely worked out by Dr. Falkner that if any teeth were found he could determine to what species the animal had belonged.

THE HAIRY RHINOCEROS.

A fine specimen of the *Rhinoceros Sumatrensis*, brought over to England by Mr. William Jamrach, and purchased by the Zoological Society, has been deposited in her new home at the Gardens, Regent's Park. The den or cage in which the animal came to this country was of such gigantic proportions that it was found impossible to get it into any of the gateways belonging to the menagerie; Mr. Bartlett, the able superintendent, therefore determined to back the "trolley" against the palings, and having previously removed a portion of them, the work of tethering the brute was commenced. Fortunately, the animal is of a docile disposition, otherwise Mr. Bartlett and his assistants would have had a hard task. The roping having been completed, the huge door was removed, and the animal issued slowly forth, having carefully surveyed all round, and the men giving a pull at the leading rope, she started for her journey to the elephant house. She behaved remarkably well, and with a little gentle manipulation of the ropes and with many a snort was led to her new domicile. She now stands in the next apartment to the large male Indian rhinoceros. This is the second of this rare species ever brought to Europe, a much smaller one having been landed in London about a month previously, and forwarded to the Zoological Gardens at Hamburg. Mr. Wm.