

LARGE RHINOCEROS HORN FROM THE SOUDAN.

At the meeting of the Zoological Society on Tuesday evening there was exhibited the front horn of a Burchell's rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros simus*), the largest yet received in England from the Soudan. It was the property of Colonel B. T. Mahon, and had been sent for mounting to Mr Rowland Ward. The measurement on the anterior curve was $36\frac{1}{2}$ in., with a base circumference of $19\frac{1}{2}$ in. It exceeds the horn obtained by Capt. Hawker by about 6 in. It is, however, only about three-fifths as long as the record horn from South Africa, which tapers $62\frac{1}{2}$ in. It may be pointed out that our criterion for distinguishing the horns of this rhinoceros is the flat front side, and this is so marked that they can be picked out in the dark. Horns from the same region are in the possession of Sir F. R. Wingate, Capt. McNaughten, Major Sanders, and Capt. Massey. Burchell's rhinoceros is reported as being fairly numerous on the northern boundary of the Congo Free State and in the adjoining parts of the Soudan. It was stated at the meeting that Mr Rowland Ward had known of these horns coming from the Soudan for some years before Major Gibbons secured his specimen.

Sale of Birds' Eggs.—The second portion of the collection formed by Mr E. Bidwell was sold by auction on Thursday by Mr