

the bill, was only a late stage of the compound one, and that the form of the bill in the herons was derivative.

SKULL OF THE LADO RHINOCEROS.

I AM indebted to Sir E. G. Loder for directing my attention to a new character by which the skull of the Lado, or northern, race of the white rhinoceros may be distinguished from that of the typical southern form of the species. In the latter the profile of the skull is very sinuous, so that the crest of the



SKULL OF THE LADO WHITE RHINOCEROS.

occiput rises high above the line of the frontal region; while the same crest overhangs only to a slight degree the occipital condyles, by which the skull articulates with the first vertebra. On the other hand, in the Lado race the profile is straighter and the occipital crest lower, but the latter largely overhangs the occipital condyles, thus giving a much more elongated appearance to the whole skull. These characteristics are most developed in a skull in Sir Edmund's museum at Leonardslee, of which I received a photograph; but they are also distinctly apparent in a skull presented by Major Powell Cotton to the Natural History Museum, when this is compared with skulls of the typical *Rhinoceros simus*.

R. L.