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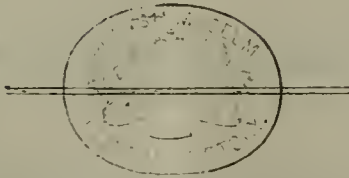
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1873.

Bronze Medal of the Society was likewise given to the two keepers Michael Prescott and Arthur Thompson, in acknowledgement of their services on this occasion.

Another important occurrence for the Society's Menagerie in 1872 was the acquisition of specimens of two Two-horned Rhinoceroses, both of them new to the collection, and one of them previously altogether unknown to naturalists.

The first of these was purchased in February 1872, from Mr. William Jamrach, the well-known dealer in living animals, for the sum of £1250, which sum was charged to the extraordinary expenditure of the year. This animal was at first believed to be the Sumatran Rhinoceros, although it had been obtained in Chittagong, far from the generally recognized locality of that species. When, however, a few months afterwards a specimen of the true Sumatran Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sumatrensis*) was acquired, the differences between the two animals became sufficiently obvious, and the former was named by the Secretary the Hairy-eared Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros lasiotis*).

Full particulars concerning these two animals have been published in the Society's scientific publications. The Hairy-eared Rhinoceros is still alive and in excellent health and condition in the Society's Gardens; but the Sumatran specimen, which appears to have been a very old individual, died suddenly in September last. The opportunity of comparing the two species is therefore, for the present, lost; but the Council have every expectation of being able to replace the Sumatran animal before long.

The total number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie in 1872 was 1344.

The most remarkable accessions to the collection during the year 1872 are given in the following List of species, which are not enumerated in the "Revised List of Vertebrates" above alluded to.

## Order UNGULATA.

## Family RHINOCEROTIDÆ.

## Genus RHINOCEROS.

*Rhinoceros lasiotis*, Selater. Hairy-cared Rhinoceros.

*Hab.* Chittagong.

*a.* Female. Purchased, Feb. 14, 1872. See P. Z. S. 1872, pp. 185, 493, pl. xxiii, et p. 790.

*Rhinoceros sumatrensis*, Cuvier. Sumatran Rhinoceros.

*Hab.* Malacca.

*a.* Female. Purchased, Aug. 21, 1872. See P. Z. S. 1872, p. 790, pl. lxxvii.

## Family BOVIDÆ.

## Genus ORYX.

*Oryx beatrix*, Gray. Beatrix Antelope.

*Hab.* Arabia.

*a.* Deposited, March 26, 1872. See P. Z. S. 1872, p. 603.

## Family CERVIDÆ.

## Genus CERVUS.

*Cervus rufus*, F. Cuv. Red Brocket.

*Hab.* Brazil.

*a.* Male; *b.* Female. Purchased, May 24, 1872. From Maranham.