

IX—*Proceedings of the Asiatic Society.*

Thursday Evening, the 20th March, 1834.

The Rev. Principal W. H. MILL, Vice-President, in the chair.

Read the Proceedings of the last meeting.

Mr. ALEXANDER CSOMA DE KOROS, proposed by Mr. TREVELYAN, seconded by Mr. J. PRINSEP, was elected an Honorary Member.

The Secretary announced that a vacancy had been caused in the office of Vice-President, by the departure of Sir JOHN FRANKS, when a ballot was held, and the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta was declared unanimously elected.

Read a letter from G. MONEY, Esq. expressing his wish to withdraw from the Society.

Read a letter from Rev. W. YATES, stating that he would prefer publishing his Translation of the Nalodaya in this country, on his own account, under the patronage of the Asiatic Society, with the hopes that the Asiatic Society would, in addition to their own subscription, forward the specimens to the Oriental Translation Fund, with a recommendation that they should also patronize the work, or adopt it on the list of their publications. *Referred* to the Committee of Papers.

Read a letter from the Assignees of MACKINTOSH and Co. forwarding proposals for a lottery of the household property of the late firm, and soliciting the Society as a creditor to invest a portion of its claim in the same, at 2,000 rupees per ticket, there being 2,500 tickets, and 14 prizes, valued at a total of 5,20,000 rupees.

Moved by Mr. BAGSHAW, seconded by Mr. HARE, and resolved, that the Society cannot entertain the proposal.

Read a letter from J. ROBISON, Esq. Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh, expressing the thanks of the Society for the present of the XVII. Vol. of their Transactions.

Read a letter from Mr. C. E. TREVELYAN, presenting for the Museum, on behalf of His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, a native picture representing the interview between His Lordship and the MAHARAO and RAJ RANA of Kota, which took place at Ajmere in January, 1832.

Library.

The following Books were presented :

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh for the years 1832-33, Nos. 1 and 2—*by the Society.*

Transactions of the Batavian Society, vol. 15—*by the Society.*

The letters of T. on the employment of the English language as a medium for Native Education—*by the Author.*

The Indian Journal of Medical Science, Nos. 2 and 3—*by Messrs. J. Grant and J. T. Pearson, Editors.*

Ceylon Almanac, for 1834—*by his Exc. Sir R. W. Horton, Gov. Ceylon.*

[This volume, like the preceding vol. for 1833, contains much original and valuable information on the ancient history, antiquities and geography of Ceylon.]

Madras Journal of Literature and Science, No. 2—*by the Madras Literary Society.*

Abstract of Proceedings of the Cape of Good Hope Association for Exploring Central Africa, drawn up for publication—*by J. C. Chase, Esq. Secretary.*

Map of various routes between Europe and India, comprehending Western and Northern Asia, together with Asia Minor and Egypt—*by Mr. J. B. Tassin.*

Meteorological Registers for January and February, 1834—*by the Surveyor General.*

Translation of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes into the Madagascar language—*by the Madagascar Mission.*

Journal Asiatique, Nos. 67, 68 and 69—*by the Asiatic Society of Paris.*

The following were received from the Booksellers :

Lardner's Cabinet Cyclopaedia—Greeks and Romans, 1st vol.

—————Foreign Statesmen, 1st vol.

Physical.

Read a letter from Sir R. COLQUHOUN, expressing Mrs. HERBERT's desire that the Geological Specimens belonging to the Estate of the late Captain HERBERT should be presented to the Museum of the Asiatic Society.

A further collection of Fossil Bones from the bed of the Jumna works were presented on the part of Captain E. SMITH, Engineers.

The skin and skeleton of a large Rhinoceros were presented for the museum, by Mr. J. H. BARLOW, C. S.

Read a letter from Colonel WATSON, advising the dispatch of 30 maunds of Coal from the new seam discovered by Mr. CRACROFT and himself in the Kasia hills, for trial at the Presidency.

This coal agrees in composition with No. 12 of the table published in the 3rd vol. GLEANINGS, page 283. The seam is from 16 to 20 feet thick, and spreads six square miles in area ; indeed it extends through the whole district.

Colonel WATSON explained the particulars of the locality to the Meeting, and exhibited the model of an apparatus on the principle of a suspension rail-rope for the conveyance of the coal down the hill. The height is 4000 feet, and the longitudinal distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, over a very rugged rocky country, where the construction of a road would be attended with great expence.

Read a letter from Major JAMES WILKINSON, Governor General's Agent, Hazaribagh, forwarding a small specimen of coal picked up near Bhullea, a village in Ramghur, 14 miles south of Hazaribagh.

This coal resembles the *Oogadong* lignite, in having an infiltration of white matter (silex?) in its natural crevices. It is a rich lignite : sp. gr. 1.325.

Further specimens of the Aeng coal were forwarded by Mr. WALTERS, commissioner, Arracan.

Read a note on the Chiru Antelope of Nepal, by B. H. HODGSON, Esq.

[This paper appears in a foregoing page.]

Geographical.

1. Journal of the Route from Déra Ghazí Khan, through the Veziri country, to Cabul, by Dr. MARTIN HONIGBERGER, communicated by Captain C. M. WADE, Political Agent at Ludiana.

The following extract from Captain WADE's letter was read.