

be brought home, and some special mark of respect be paid to the remains of him who was the secretary of the Society from its foundation twenty-one years ago.

## A BABY RHINOCEROS.

On Friday we received from the London agent of Mr Hagenbeck, the well-known animal dealer of Hamburg, a telegram to the effect that he would land at two o'clock, from the steamship City of Edinburgh, at the Royal Albert Docks, a female two-horned rhinoceros, accompanied by a young one. To this telegram we owe an afternoon spent in performing acrobatic feats up and down ships' sides, and dodging swing-bridges and other aggressive objects which commonly interfere with the peace of the visitor to the docks. However, we saw the rhinoceroses, and found them to be of the Sumatran species (*R. Sumatrensis*). They were stowed snugly just abaft the funnel, where they were evidently warm and comfortable; and thanks to the unremitting care of Mr R. Wood, the chief steward, were in capital condition and high spirits. Their tameness is surprising, as they allowed themselves to be freely handled, the young one quite enjoying a tug of war through the medium of its ears. From what we could learn from Mooram, the native attendant, who frequently makes journeys from India with animals for Hagenbeck and Jamrack, the mother had made one of four rhinoceroses which were sent from Singapore; so it is not unreasonable to surmise that she came from the Malaccan peninsula, from whence so many of the species of rhinoceros come. She was under the charge of Mr Rattledge, the animal agent in Calcutta, and was discovered to be in young, the birth taking place between nine and ten months ago. The infant is now a well-conditioned little animal standing fully 3 feet 6 inches high, and has one horn well advanced. The mother is without the large horn, which she knocked off pieces in Calcutta against a tree and other objects. As the mother and young one are in the same cage together, much anxiety was naturally felt in heavy weather for fear that the baby would be inadvertently crushed by its mother's great weight. Consequently the pair were divided by a partition when the sea was rough, much to the disgust of the infant, which complained loudly throughout the night. The mother was visibly inconvenienced by the enforced retention of milk. Although still sucking, the young animal is able to feed upon such vegetable nutriment as has been supplied to its mother.—*Land and Water.*

At Cork Assizes on Saturday James Hodnell was sentenced to six months' hard labour for abducting Elizabeth Long, aged 15.

Frederick Miller (28), pianist, has been arrested at Grimsby, charged with attempting

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