

a work on Natural History, there will be found a method running through the whole that strings the diverse subjects together, producing a pleasant combination, like beads of various size and colour.

Mr. Gosse patronizes the sea serpent, and pleads for him apologetically, but gives us without any hesitation the history of that arch-myth the tsetse; I believe, whenever a competent naturalist shall investigate the subject he will find the tsetse a disease, which the ignorant aborigines have falsely attributed to an insect but this is of no moment; difference of opinion detracts nothing from merit; and I may truly say that I never read a book with more real pleasure than the 'Romance of Natural History,' and I know none that I can more cordially and unhesitatingly recommend to my subscribers. I hope to return to it again and again for amusing and instructive scraps to insert in the pages of the 'Zoologist.'

*Narrative of the Canadian Red River Exploring Expedition of 1857, and of the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition of 1858.* By H. Y. HIND, M. A., F. R. G. S. Professor, Trinity College, Toronto. Vols 2, London, Longman; Montreal, B. Dawson & Son.

These explorations were undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of establishing an emigrant route between Lake Superior and Selkirk settlement and of acquiring some knowledge of the natural capabilities and resources of the Valleys of the Red River and the Saskatchewan.

In pursuance of these objects the author has given in these volumes a minute, clear and most readable account of the districts through which his course lay. The work is really a credit to the Province. The two volumes are profusely illustrated with beautiful and artistic views of interesting localities. This book should be in all our public libraries and be carefully studied by those who interest themselves in the prosperity and extension of the Province to the Westward. Distances, topography, natural productions, geological structure and climatal conditions of these regions are carefully noted. Intending emigrants will find the work invaluable.

*Geological Gossip, or Stray Chapters on Earth and Ocean.* By Professor D. T. ANSTED, M.A., F.R.S., &c. London: Routledge & Co. Montreal: B. Dawson & Son.

A delightful book, both scientific and popular. It may be read