

been also brought before the Society at one of its monthly meetings.

Some progress has been made in the re-arrangement of the Society's very interesting and valuable collection of fishes amphibia and reptiles, but the work in this direction has been stopped, on account of the want of proper bottles, and of alcohol. Many rare exotic snakes, lizards, fishes &c., presented to the Society some years ago by Dr. Gunther, have never been accessible to students, because we had no proper means of exhibiting them. It is eminently desirable to have a much better series of the smaller fishes, newts, frogs &c. of Canada, for reference, than we can now boast. If a small expense were incurred to obtain alcohol, and suitable bottles, the specimens could soon be obtained. As it is, our small collection has been greatly augmented by a donation of a series of the snakes of Western Canada, presented by Mr. Passmore.

In the department of Canadian birds, the additions have been about equal to the average of former years. Some rare United States species have been presented by Mr. LeChevallier. Among these are the painted quail of Texas, and the Brown and Frigate Pelicans of Florida.

Major Bulger has most liberally presented us with a collection of 60 specimens, of the Birds of the Neilgherry Hills and from the Deccan. These have been duly labelled, and the attention of the Society has been called to them in a paper read at one of our monthly meetings.

By exchange with Mr. LeChevallier the Society has acquired the eggs of about 80 species of N. American birds, some of them of considerable rarity. They are all fine specimens, mostly blown in the most approved fashion, and have all been marked with names and localities.

The most important additions to the mammalia are an unusually fine specimen of the Canadian or American wolf, obtained through the kind instrumentality of Mr. Vennor and other gentlemen, mostly connected with the Geological Survey; a good specimen of the Badger, presented by Prof. Bell, and a Skunk, given by Mr. S. J. Lyman.

A small series of U. S. Rodents has recently been received from the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, but they are mostly in a bad state of preservation, and none of them have been mounted as yet.