

doptera in the present number, are the last services Mr. D'Urban is likely to render for the present to Canadian science. He is now on his way to another field at the Cape of Good Hope, we wish we could say soon to return to us.

Mr. Bell contributes a long and useful catalogue of the animals and plants of the Lower St. Lawrence; and he, we are glad to say, is this summer in his old field.

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*The Zoologist, June, 1860.—Van Voorst, London.*

We have to thank the editor of this Journal for his kindly regard to our wish for an exchange, and his favourable notice. The *Zoologist* is a popular magazine of Natural History and a Journal for recording facts and anecdotes relating to animals. The present number contains among other matters very interesting notices of the labors of M. Monhet, a collector at work in Siam; papers on the habits of the Aye-aye, on the Fauna of Mull, and on beetles of the family Trichopterygidae, with a great variety of interesting notices of new discoveries and incidents in Natural History.

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SPECIMENS OF MARINE ALGÆ: chiefly from England. Presented to the *Natural History Society* of Montreal. By Dr. Durkee, Boston.

This volume contains a large number of specimens neatly prepared and carefully named. Many of them are from the herbarium of Dr. Harvey of Dublin, than whom there is no higher authority in this department of Botany. The collection affords a ready means for the determination of species to those few students of Natural History in this Province, who take an interest in this humble but exceedingly beautiful and interesting sub-kingdom,—the sea-weeds. Some fine specimens of the more obscure plants are embraced in this book; many of which are not to be found in ordinary collections. There are some good examples of the less common Fuci; but the largest number pertains to the class of Rhodosperms, Polysephoniae, and Calithamnia which are finely illustrated. Interspersed among the prevailing English species, we find some plants from Australia, and a few natives of America. Altogether this is a valuable gift by one of the corresponding members of our Society. We trust that it will form the nucleus of a complete collection of this beautiful class of plants. The Lower St. Lawrence is particularly rich in its genera and species of Algæ, and it may be hoped that some careful collector will supplement Dr. Durkee's gift by a corresponding book of our native sea and river flora.