

THE CANADIAN JOURNAL.

NEW SERIES.

No. XL.—JULY, 1862.

OBSERVATIONS ACCOMPANYING THE EXHIBITION OF
A SPECIMEN OF "*SULA BASSANA*," (THE SOLAN
GOOSE OR GANNETT), LATELY OBTAINED AT
OSHAWA, C.W., AND BELONGING TO THE MUSEUM
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

BY THE REV. WILLIAM HINCKS, F.L.S., ETC.,
PROFESSOR OF NATURAL HISTORY IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, TORONTO.

Read before the Canadian Institute, February 8th, 1862.

THE specimen which I have the pleasure of bringing under the notice of the Canadian Institute this evening, may be accounted a curiosity in this part of the country, as the bird rarely leaves the neighbourhood of the sea-coast; and when it does so, can only be regarded as an accidental wanderer. The specimen, which is a female, agrees well with the descriptions and figures of the European Gannett; and having been unable to meet with any definite character of the supposed North American species, *Sula Americana*, I cannot judge whether it is really distinct or whether our individual belongs to it; but considering the tendency manifested by some naturalists to find