Notes on Egyptian Antiquities.

2. Mummy of a Man, from Thebes.

This mummy has no case, and is wrapped in linen closely plied in many folds, and which has apparently been saturated ith some resinous substance. The outer fold and bandages have been painted of a dull red colour. The head only was uncovered. It is in good preservation; is not covered with spices; but has been in part covered with bitumen, as if this had been poured upon it or into its cavities, and had in part run over the surface. The eyes have been extracted, and the lids have been carefully moulded so as to project in the natural form. There is abundance of straight brown hair on the scalp. Under the microscope it is similar to European hair. The head is finely formed, with a high and prominent forehead, and the nose straight and little prominent. The profile reminds one of Greek heads, or of those seen on the monuments of Egyptian priests.

Length of body, 4 feet 10 inches. Occipital diameter of head, 74 inches. Parietal diameter, 53 inches.

3. Head of a Mummy.

The mummy to which this head belonged was probably prepared in the same manner with No. 2, but with less attention to the preservation of the expression of the features, the mouth being distorted and the tongue projecting. The skin has been smeared with resin or bitumen,—there are no indications of spices,—and the cavity of the skull is empty. The jaws are projecting and the brow receding, as in figures of the heads of low-caste Egyptians. and modern Fellahs. It is a male head.

Occipital diameter, 7 inches 9 tenths. Parietal diameter, 5 inches 6 tenths.

4. Head of a Mummy.

This head has been completely coated with bitumen, so that the inner cloths adhere and cannot be removed. The interior cavity seems to be partly filled with some solid substance, probably bitumen, which has also penetrated and hardened the tissues of the neck. The head is round, and the features and bones coarse.

Occipital diameter, 7 inches 3 tenths. Parietal diameter, 6 inches.

These measurements may not he quite accurate, owing to the . adhesion of the wrappers.