

His time of collecting would extend from November to March or April. This is, of course, out of the question at present; but in a few days I am going to send him \$100, to see what he can get me for that: I do not expect much; but, 'nothing venture, nothing have.'"

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"I am not despairing yet about Dodo's bones; I saw some that were found in a cavern last week. The finder, Dr. Ayres, assures me that they are those of the Rodriguez bird, and not the Mauritian Dodo: he intends to give them to the British Museum. We are to have a regular search in the cavern the first opportunity. What is curious, is that with them he found Deers' teeth, as well as Reptiles', and some other Bird's bones, which latter were so brittle he could not preserve them."

In our next Number we hope to be able to give some notes of Mr. E. Newton's, relating to his short sojourn at Savanne.

Mr. Wallace's collections from Amboyna and Ceram have arrived in England. The greatest novelty in them is a beautiful new *Basilornis* with an erect crest, making the second of the genus. Other species of interest are *Lorius domicella*, *Eos rubra*, *Trichophorus flavicaudus*, and *Tanysiptera dea* (?).

Mr. Wallace's latest letters, dated from Ceram, in June last, speak of the probability of his return to England being not long delayed. He had been much disappointed with the results of an expedition to the northern part of the island, and was then intending to go to Mysol, which was expected to prove a good locality.

Mr. Edward Hearle Rodd informs us that a good male specimen of the Spotted Eagle (*Aquila naevia*), with the elliptical spots on the wing-coverts, and scapularies well marked, was shot on the 4th of December, in the parish of Northhill in the eastern part of Cornwall. The occurrence is also mentioned in the 'Times' of December 12th. This bird has only once, we believe, occurred previously in the British Islands, namely, in Ireland, in 1845, as recorded in the first Supplement to Yarrell's *British Birds* (p. 11) and other publications.
