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noticed were the following :—*Astragalus alpinus*, *Mulgedium alpinum*, *Thlaspi alpestre*, *Saxifraga rivularis*, *Carex vaginata*, *C. lagopina*, *C. rupestris*, *Arabis petraea*, *Potentilla maculata*, *Gentiana nivalis*, *Juncus castaneus*, *Luzula arcuata*, *Erigeron alpinus*, *Cerastium trigynum*. There was a large amount of snow on the hills ; some patches on Lochnagar were several hundred feet in extent, and 10 feet in thickness. Specimens of the plants collected were exhibited.

II. *On the Reproductive Organs of Mosses.* By Mr WM. BELL, Saharunpore. Communicated by Mr SADLER.

In this paper, Mr Bell reviewed the different theories held by authors regarding the reproductive organs of mosses, and he expressed a doubt whether it had been yet satisfactorily proved that the so-called antheridial and archegonial cells were really the reproductive organs of these plants.

III. *On Taxus baccata* variegata Seedlings. By ALEX. J. ADIE, Esq. Communicated by Mr M'NAB.

Mr M'Nab stated that, on 15th November last, Mr Adie of Rockville, Linlithgow, sent to the Botanic Garden some seedling variegated yews raised from berries taken from a plant of the golden yew. Many of the larger plants of golden yew in cultivation being male, he wrote to Mr Adie for information, and received from him the following notes :—“ The parent plant is now 7 feet high, and does not appear to be either the *Taxus aurea* or *elegantissima*. The colour is intermediate between these two varieties of yew, but it is a better grower than either, although it has all the appearance of a plant raised from a cutting. I found it growing behind a shed in Messrs Eagle & Henderson's nursery in Leith Walk, and being struck with its good habit, I bought it for a trifle, as it appeared to be little thought of, although, from the place it was in, I think it must have had a pedigree of note when it came there. The plant was about 3 feet high, and it has been here for nine or ten years.