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Heterorrhina Roepstorffii, ♂ ♀, from S. Andaman.

Heterorrhina annectans, ♂ ♀, from Sikkim.

Mr. Wood-Mason also exhibited specimens of a new species of freshwater *Astacidæ* from New Zealand, for which he proposed the name *Astacoides tridentatus* from the presence of three spines on the inferior edge of the rostrum, arranged and shaped like the teeth of a saw. He denied the existence of any special relationship between the New Zealand species of freshwater *Astacidæ* and the marine genus *Nephrops*, from which they differed, as indeed did all freshwater crayfish whatsoever, in having the last abdominal somite freely movable upon the preceding, and in having, like the species of the genus *Astacoides*, no appendages to the first and the appendages to the second post-abdominal somite similarly constructed to those of the following ones even in the male. Under these circumstances and as the species referred to *Paranephrops* differed less from those of *Astacoides* than these latter did from one another, and as, moreover, the latter name had priority,* he proposed, provisionally, to refer the New Zealand species of *Astacidæ* to it.

In continuation of his readings and translations of Arabic and Persian inscriptions, Mr. Blochmann exhibited the following from Dihlí, Rohtás, and Sahasrá m. The Dihlí rubbings belonged to the batch received from Mr. Delmerick; those from Rohtás were taken by Mr. J. D. Beglar and were given to the Society, together with two rubbings from Sahasrá m, by Major-General A. Cunningham, C. S. I.

I.

From the Rauzah Mírzá Muqím (*vide* Proceedings for December, 1875), in the niche of the gate of the Dargáh of Nizámuddín, south. *Rubbá'í* metre.

فرزند صمیم بندۂ حیء قدیم * جا کرد درین روضۂ پرفیض و نعیم
 اورا نبود ز شر اندیشہ و بیم * چون ساکن فردوس برین گشت صمیم
 قایله نویدے کا ... حسین ..
 آنہا کہ بکوی قرب جا یافتہ اند * کام دل خود بہدعا یافتہ اند
 این مرتبہ دانی زکجا یافتہ اند * از شیخ نظام اولیا یافتہ اند
 قایله میر نویدے نشاپوری ۹۶۹

1. The boy Muqím, the slave of the living and eternal God, dwells in this mausoleum which is full of bliss and beauty.

* *Astacoides*, Guérin, 'Revue Zoologique,' 1839, p. 109.

Paranephrops, White, Gray's Zool. Miscellany, 1842, p. 78; and Dieffenbach's New Zealand, 1843, vol. II, p. 267.