

XXVIII. THE AQUATIC AND AMPHIBIOUS MOLLUSCA OF MANIPUR.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

The following paper is based on a visit to the Manipur Valley paid in February and March, 1920. The party consisted of myself, Mr. Sunder Lal Hora and Mr. Amin-ud-Din, Research Assistants, and Mr. R. Hodgart, Zoological Collector. I was able, however, to spend only a short time in the valley myself and was obliged, in order to save time, to travel there and back by motor, while the others made short marches and collected on the way. Mr. Sunder Lal Hora, moreover, remained in Manipur for three weeks longer than the others and visited every part of the valley. A large proportion of the collections is therefore due to his energy. He has himself published an account of the fish-fauna, in which he was particularly interested.

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