

Editorial Notes.

NATURAL HISTORY.—It is a matter of regret that, for some years, this section of the objects of the Society has been sadly neglected in the pages of the Journal. Although fewer, perhaps, in number, those of our readers who are interested in the subject are, surely, not less zealous than our archæologists, and from them papers dealing with the natural history of our county are now invited. It may be mentioned that in response to this appeal, Professor Boyd Dawkins has already promised, for our next volume, his notes upon the recent important discoveries in Derbyshire of prehistoric mammalian remains.

DISCOVERY OF A NEOLITHIC CELT ON ROWARTH MOOR.—Whilst levelling a marshy field, immediately to the west of his house, Mr. Abner Froggatt, of Ring Stones Farm, near Hayfield, discovered a stone celt of unusual interest. It is a beautiful specimen of the late polished series, measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins. long by $2\frac{3}{8}$ ins. at the broader, but diminishing to 2 ins. at the narrower end, and has a perfect oval section, with a rounded edge. When found it bore neither chip nor scratch on its highly-polished surface, and therefore may be presumed to have been almost unused. Mr. Froggatt states that there were no signs of a mound or tumulus above it, although it lay amongst some large stones, but he did not notice their position. These stones have been credited, in the newspapers, with Druidical origin, and one of them has even been seriously described as “the Arch-Druid’s chair of sacrifice”—whatever that may mean—but, of course, they are merely the result of Nature’s handiwork, untouched by the chisel of man.