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The valuable services afforded by the assistant editor, Mr. A. T. Bothamley, in passing the work through the press, and by Mr. R. B. Gore, in preparing the abstract of the Meteorological Observations which will be found in the Appendix, have to be acknowledged.

The following papers submitted to the Board for approval have been reserved :—

1. Cosmography, by J. Leith.
2. Remarks on Mr. Leith's Paper, by T. Heale.
3. Remarks on Dr. Basstian's work on Beginnings of Life, by T. Heale.
4. Induction and Necessary Truth, by Dr. Kidd.

Dr. Haast's valuable paper on the "Harpagornis" has been entitled "Abstract," but it is necessary to explain that only paragraphs repeated from his previous paper on the same subject (Art. XXVIII., Vol. IV.) have been suppressed, the author having prepared a complete *résumé* of the whole subject, to be printed in quarto form with the illustrations of natural size. The funds at the disposal of the Board will not, however, for the present, allow of the production of the series of quarto monographs that are contemplated, of which Dr. Haast's papers are to be the first.

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