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THE TUI, OR PARSON-BIRD.

The 'Dido,' Capt. Maxwell, from Auckland, New Zealand, has brought home a few valuable curiosities for naturalists, the chief of which is a small black bird, about the size of the English blackbird, called the Tui (the parson-bird of Captain Cook), believed to be the first of the species ever brought to England alive. Many previous attempts have been made to bring this bird to England, but all hitherto have failed.—*From the Times.*

OBITUARY.—MR. EDWARD FORSTER.

We have to record the decease of our highly esteemed friend Edward Forster, Esq., F.R.S., the Treasurer and a Vice-President of the Linnæan Society, of which Society also he was one of the oldest Fellows. Mr. Forster died on Wednesday, February the 21st, after a severe attack of cholera of less than two days' continuance, having previously enjoyed his usual and equable good health up to his 84th year. His strong attachment to his favourite botanical pursuits, and his zeal for the prosperity of the Linnæan Society, of whose eminent founder Sir J. E. Smith he had been an intimate and warmly attached friend, require an ampler record than can now be given of one who in every relation of life was truly estimable :

Quem licet in sera rapuerunt fata senecta,

Et vitæ saturum sopiit alta quies,

Nos tamen hunc, velut immaturo funere raptum,

Flemus, et effusis diffluimus lacrymis.

Vixisti bene ac beate !

valente

Semper corpore, mente sana, amicis

Jucundus, pietate singulari.

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