6. On the Black Wolf of Thibet. By P. L. Sclater, M.A.,
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(Plate LXXVIII.)

On the 6th of August, 1867, as already recorded in the Society’s
‘Proceedings’ we received, as a present, from Lieut. A. A. Kinloch
and Lieut. J. Biddulph a pair of Black Wolves which had been ob-
tained by these gentlemen in the previous June from some wandering
Tartars at the foot of the Lanak pass, between the Tsomoriri Lake
and Hanlé in Thibet. The facts concerning the capture of these ani-
mals are fully given in Mr. Kinloch’s valuable work on the game-
amals of Thibet.†

These Wolves remained with us for several years in good condition,
and bred every year from 1869 to 1873; but the young ones were in
every case but one destroyed by their parents. The following table
gives the date of birth and number of young ones produced:—

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The only young one reared (a male of the first litter) was sold in
1869 to J. E. B. Bouverie Pusey, Esq., F.Z.S., but died the follow-
ing year in that gentleman’s possession.

The female died in July 1873‡; the male is still living in the
the Society’s Gardens.

I have hitherto referred these animals to the *Lupus (sive *Canis*)
laniger* of Hodgson, and have entered them in the ‘Revised Catalogue
of Vertebrates’ (p. 47) as “*Canis laniger, var. nigra.” But I now
exhibit the original drawing of Mr. Hodgson’s *Lupis laniger* out
of the series of drawings of Mammals which he has lately presented
to the Society’s Library; and it will be at once apparent that our
animals (of which I likewise exhibit an excellent coloured figure by
Mr. Keulmanns, Plate LXXVIII.) cannot be referred to that species.
Indeed Mr. Kiuloch has already observed, in the work above alluded
to:—

“Wolves of at least two sorts are found all over Thibet; and I am
not sure that there are not three varieties. I know of two, the com-
mon Grey Chanko and the Black Chanko, called by the Tartars
*Chanko nagpo* (Black Wolf) ......... I have heard of a so-called

* See P. Z. S. 1867, p. 820.
† Large-Game Shooting in Thibet and the North-west. By Alexander A. A.
‡ The specimen is now in the Gallery of the Museum of the Jardin des
Plantes at Paris.