Proposed Memorial to the Brehms and Schlegel.—Dr. Koe-
pert, of Altenburg, informs us that it is proposed to erect
in that city a memorial of Christian L. Brehm, Alfred Brehm,
and H. Schlegel, three well-known Ornithologists, who were
all natives of Saxe-Altenburg. In case any members of the
B. O. U. or other friends should wish to assist in this laudable
undertaking, we shall be much pleased to forward their
contributions.

Obituary.—John Peter van Wickevoort-Crommelin, the
distinguished Ornithologist of Holland, who died suddenly at
Haarlem on the 19th October, 1891, was born in the same
city on the 9th January, 1830. In his youth he studied law,
and took his degree in that faculty at Leyden in 1852, after
which he devoted himself to zoological studies for another
year under Temminck at the same University. For many
years Heer van Wickevoort-Crommelin was director of the
Society of Sciences at Haarlem. He was always very short-
sighted, and his eyes grew gradually worse, so that not many
years after his marriage, which took place in 1854, he be-
came totally blind. Notwithstanding this great misfortune,
he continued to augment and perfect the beautiful collection
of native birds which he had previously commenced. In this
he was materially assisted by a wonderful memory and by a
very accurate knowledge of avian structure. His memory
was so good that, in his collection of many hundreds of
stuffed birds, he could always find any individual specimen,
and could moreover, if required, give full particulars about
its external appearance and the date and place of its capture.

The results of Heer van Wickevoort-Crommelin’s studies
on the birds of Holland were chiefly published in the ‘Archives
Néerlandaises’ and in the ‘Tijdschrift voor de Dierkunde.’
His unrivalled collection of the birds of Holland has been
bequeathed to the Leyden Museum.