

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

29th February, 1888. — 1) Description of Fish-Remains from the Rolling Downs Formation of N. Queensland. By R. Etheridge, F.G.S. The fish-remains described in this paper are a single well-preserved tooth referable to Agassiz's *Otodus appendiculatus*, and a series of the still united vertebrae of a shark, probably of the genus *Lamna*, which from a comparison with the skeleton, 9 feet long, of a specimen of the recent *Carcharodon Rondeletii* in the Australian Museum, must have belonged to an individual at least 20 feet long. These fossils are of especial interest from their occurrence in the upper portion of the Mesozoic series, whereas the fish-remains hitherto described from Australia are, with two trivial exceptions, all from the lower members of the series. The tooth of *Otodus* was collected by Mr. R. L. Jack, F.G.S., at Kamileroy, Leichhardt River; the vertebrae are from Richmond Downs, Flinders River, and have been kindly lent to the author by Mr. De Vis, of the Queensland Museum. — 2) Description of a new *Pilotus* from N. W. Australia. By Baron von Mueller, K.C.M.G., M.D., F.R.S. The new species (*P. Macleayi*) was obtained by Mr. Froggatt in the neighbourhood of Derby, King's Sound. — 3) On the Fisheries of the Oriental Region. By Rev. J. E. Tenison-Woods, F.G.S., F.L.S. The Oriental Region is defined as the seas within the tropics on both sides of the equator from the longitude of the Himalayas to the Yang-tse-kiang, including the islands west of „Wallace's line“, at least as far as about the meridian of the Caroline Group, the Solomon Islands, the New Hebrides, and New Caledonia; and then follow accounts of the fishermen and their modes of fishing, of the fishes, and of the various branches of the fish trade of this important region. — 4) Bacteriological. — 5) Botanical. — 6) Notes on the Nesting of *Alecyone pulchra*, Gould. The nest and eggs of this beautiful Kingfisher were obtained in the Cairns District, Queensland, last December by Messrs. Cairn and Grant of the Australian Museum. — 7) Catalogue of the known Coleoptera of New Guinea. Part I. By George Masters, Curator, Macleay Museum. This paper includes all the *Pentamerous* and *Heteromerous Coleoptera* hitherto described, numbering 970 species; the *Tetramerous* and *Trimerous* divisions will form the subject of another paper. The term New Guinea includes the islands on the west and north-west coasts falling within Wallace's line of shallow water, and the islands of the New Britain and New Ireland groups on the north-east coast. — 8) Botanical. — Mr. S. C. Burnell exhibited a specimen of *Pygopus lepidopodus* 25 inches in full length, from Wentworthville near Parramatta. — Mr. Douglas-Ogilby exhibited a snake from the South Solitary Island, which he had shown previously to Mr. Macleay, with whom he agrees that it is a new genus. It is closely allied to *Pseudechis*, but differs from it in having a single nasal shield, a point which seems to be considered of great importance. — The President exhibited some fossils, probably sp. of *Pentamerus*, *Cyathophyllum*, *Lithostrotion*, and *Favosites*, from the lower beds of Limestone, Clieveden, Molongulli, county Bathurst. These lower beds are highly argillaceous and shaly, and much altered by pressure, heat and other metamorphic agencies. There is some reason to regard them as the same (or contemporaneous) with the auriferous shales which occur at the junction of the Belubula River and Mandurama Creek, which were formerly worked as the Junction Reefs. — Also, for Mr. Norton, an internal

cast, in sandstone, of a new Crinoid, probably from the carboniferous formation in the neighbourhood of the Shoalhaven. Mr. Etheridge stated that a single specimen of the same fossil, otherwise unique, has been obtained by Mr. Barnes while collecting for the Australian Museum, in the locality indicated.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

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Heidelberg. Dr. F. Blochmann ist am 1. März zum außerordentlichen Professor ernannt worden.

Würzburg. An Stelle des zur Zeit in Zanzibar weilenden Dr. Stuhlmann ist Dr. A. Schubert Assistent am zoologisch-zootomischen Institut geworden.

Dr. P. P. C. Hoek in Leiden, bisher Lehrer am Gymnasium und an der Realschule daselbst, ist von der Niederländischen Regierung zum wissenschaftlichen Sachverständigen in Fischereisachen ernannt worden.

Necrolog.

Am 21. November 1887 starb in Cambridge ein sehr bekannter Sammler, William Farren, 51 Jahre alt, welcher, ein Sohn einer Arbeiterfamilie, schon als Knabe sich für den Beruf des Naturaliensammlers entschied und in ihm der faunistischen Kenntnis wesentliche Dienste geleistet hat.

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