

und Prof. J. W. Spengel in Gießen mit der Führung der vorbereitenden weiteren Geschäfte beauftragt. Sie sind zur Beantwortung etwaiger Anfragen sowie zur Annahme von Beitrittserklärungen bereit.

2. Zoological Society of London.

20th May, 1890. — Mr. Gambier Bolton, F.Z.S., exhibited a series of photographs, principally of animals living in the Society's Gardens and in Mr. Walter Rothschild's Menagerie. — Prof. Flower, C.B., exhibited a photograph of a nest of a Hornbill (*Tocucus melanoleucos*), taken from a specimen in the Albany Museum, Grahamstown, in which the female was shown „walled in“. — A communication was read from Sir Edward Newton, K.C.M.G., relating to the reported discovery of Dodo's bones in Mauritius in 1885, by the late Mr. Caldwell. It appeared that there had been some error in the matter, and that the bones discovered were not those of the Dodo. — Mr. Sclater, F.R.S., pointed out the characters of a new Toucan of the genus *Pteroglossus* from the Upper Amazons, proposed to be called *P. didymus*. — Mr. R. Lydekker, F.Z.S., read a paper describing some bird-remains from the cavern-deposits of Malta. These remains indicated a Vulture larger than any existing species, which, from the characters of the cervical vertebrae, he referred to the genus *Gyps* under the name of *G. melitensis*. They also comprised some bones of a Crane, of the size of *Grus antigone*, for which the name *Grus melitensis* was proposed. — Dr. Hans Gadow, F.Z.S., gave an account of some cases of the modification of certain organs in Mammals and Birds which seemed to be illustrations of the inheritance of acquired characters. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3rd June, 1890. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May 1890, and called special attention to a pair of Hartebeests (*Alcelaphus caama*) and a pair of Swainson's Long-tailed Jays (*Calocitta formosa*), acquired by purchase; and to a pair of Beatrix Antelopes (*Oryx Beatrix*), presented by Col. E. C. Ross, C.S.I., H.B.M. Consul-General for the Persian Gulf. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on two young specimens of Darwin's Rhea (*Rhea Darwinii*), obtained by Mr. A. A. Lane in the province of Tarapacá, Northern Chili, and forwarded to Mr. H. H. James, F.Z.S. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on a flat skin of a Zebra, received from Northern Somaliland, which appeared to be referable to Grévy's Zebra (*Equus Grevyi*). — Mr. A. D. Michael read a paper on a collection of non-parasitic *Acarina* lately made in Algeria, where he had found the *Acarina* less abundant than in England, and, indeed, almost absent from the true southern vegetation. The species met with were not of larger size than the British. The collection consisted almost entirely of Oribatidae, and contained examples of 46 species belonging to 15 genera. Amongst them were 8 species new to science, 27 were British, and the rest South-European. Amongst the new species were a remarkable new *Cacculus*, there being previously only one known species of this curious genus, which forms a separate family. There was also a new *Notaspis*, which had not been found in Europe, but had been received from the shores of Lake Winnipeg, in Canada. There were likewise some very singular new species of the genus *Damaeus* and a triple-

clawed form of *Nothrus anauniensis*. — Mr. Frank E. Beddard, F.Z.S., read a paper on the anatomy of the Fin-foot (*Podica senegalensis*). The paper dealt chiefly with the myology and osteology of this doubtful form. The conclusion arrived at was that it showed most resemblance to the Rails, but that in its muscular anatomy it agreed in many particulars with the Grebes and Divers. — Mr. O. Thomas, F.Z.S., read some notes on the specimens of Mammals obtained by Dr. Emin Pasha, C.M.Z.S., during his recent journey through Eastern Africa, as exemplified in the specimens contained in two collections presented to the British Museum and the Zoological Society respectively. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read a paper containing the descriptions of two new species of the Siluroid genus *Arges*, from South America. — A communication was read from Mr. James Yate Johnson, C.M.Z.S., containing descriptions of five new species of fishes from Madeira. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3. Niederländische Zoologische Station.

Die neue von der Niederländischen Zoologischen Gesellschaft zu Helder errichtete Zoologische Station wird von Anfang Juni 1890 an für Studierende geöffnet sein. Dr. Hoek, der wissenschaftliche Consulente der K. Niederländischen Regierung in Fischereisachen, ist von dem Vereine zum Director der Station ernannt worden. Die Bibliothek der Gesellschaft ist in dem Gebäude aufgestellt worden. Man bittet somit künftig, was für die Station, die Gesellschaft oder Dr. Hoek bestimmt ist, nicht mehr nach Leiden, sondern nach Helder zu adressieren.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 4. April starb in Paris Edmond Hébert, ein tüchtiger Geolog und Paläontolog. Er war 1812 in Villefargeau bei Auxerre geboren.

Am 13. April starb in Dresden Dr. Geo. Friedr. Heinr. Küchenmeister, der bekannte Helmintholog. Er war 1821 geboren.

Am 23. Mai starb in Amsterdam Dr. G. F. Westermann, 82 Jahre alt, der bekannte vortreffliche Gründer und Director der Königl. Zoologischen Gesellschaft »Natura Artis Magistra« in Amsterdam.

Am 28. Mai starb in London William Sweetland Dallas, Assistant Secretary to the Geological Society, im Alter von 66 Jahren. Früher thätiger Zoolog, namentlich Entomolog, widmete er sich später besonders der Geologie. Vielfach hat er sich auch durch Übersetzung deutscher Arbeiten verdient gemacht.

Am 30. Mai starb in Breslau der ord. Professor der Zoologie daselbst, Geh. Regierungsrath Dr. Friedr. Ant. Schneider.

Berichtigung.

Der Name des Verfassers des in No. 333, p. 204 des Zool. Anz. abgedruckten Aufsatzes: »Zur Kenntnis der russischen Galeodiden« ist A. Birula (Бирюля), nicht Virula, wie irrthümlich gelesen worden war.

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