

great indebtedness to Dr. Norton for his valuable services cheerfully rendered without intermission since January, 1882. Two important matters which had been dealt with were the revision and extension of the Society's Rules; and the appointment of the first Macleay Bacteriologist, the successful candidate being Mr. R. Greig Smith, B.Sc., Edin., M.Sc., Dun., F.C.S., Lecturer in Agricultural Chemistry in the Durham College of Science, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who had been selected out of nine applicants for the position. The President took the opportunity of tendering the Society's hearty congratulations to Professor David and his coadjutors on the success attained in the recent coral-reef-boring operations at Funafuti, and its best wishes for complete success in any supplementary operations that may become possible. Allusion was made also to the successful Meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science in this city in January last, and to the work done in Section D., Biology. — The remainder of the Address was devoted to a consideration of certain of the more general ideas of biological thought. The value of the idea of purpose in experimental science was discussed along with the place of the conception of mechanism in general evolution theory, and more especially in the later phases of human evolution.

Monthly Meeting. 3 botanical Papers were read.

4. American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Die fünfzigste Jahresversammlung wird in Boston, Mass., vom 22. bis 27. August abgehalten werden. Leider sind die gewählten Tage dieselben, an welchen sich in Cambridge der vierte internationale Zoologen-Congreß versammeln wird.

5. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Die achte Jahres-Versammlung

findet

vom 1. bis 3. Juni 1898

in

Heidelberg

statt.

Allgemeines Programm:

Dienstag den 31. Mai Abends von 8 Uhr an:

Zwanglose Vereinigung zu gegenseitiger Begrüßung im »Stadtgarten«.

Mittwoch den 1. Juni 9 Uhr Morgens:

Erste Sitzung.

- 1) Eröffnung durch den Vorsitzenden, Herrn Geh. Rath. Prof. Dr. F. E. Schulze.
- 2) Geschäftsbericht des Schriftführers.
- 3) Referat.

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