

II. Mitteilungen aus Museen, Instituten usw.

1. Kgl. Institut für Binnenfischerei in Berlin.

An der Landwirtschaftlichen Hochschule in Berlin ist eine etatsmäßige, selbständige Professur für Fischerei und Fischzucht errichtet worden, die dem bisherigen Honorarprofessor für Fischzucht, Dr. Paulus Schiemenz übertragen worden ist. Gleichzeitig ist die bisherige Biologische Station des Deutschen Fischereivereins am Müggelsee in Friedrichshagen, welche bisher zum Teil aus staatlichen Mitteln unterhalten wurde, ganz in den Besitz des Staates übergegangen. An Stelle des bisherigen, sehr einfachen Laboratoriums soll ein Institut errichtet werden, welches unter dem Titel: »Kgl. Institut für Binnenfischerei« der Landwirtschaftlichen Hochschule angegliedert werden wird. In diesem Institut, welches allerdings erst in ungefähr 2 Jahren fertig gestellt sein wird, sollen zunächst biologische, chemische und bakteriologische Studien im Interesse der Binnenfischerei (Süßwasserfischerei) betrieben werden, es soll aber auch rein zoologischen, botanischen und andern Gelehrten Gelegenheit geboten werden, über die Organismen des Süßwassers Studien anzustellen.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

March 28th, 1906. — 1) On the first recorded Occurrence of *Blastoidea* in New South Wales. By T. Griffith Taylor, B.Sc., B.E., Junior Demonstrator in Geology, Sydney University. — The Australian Blastoids at present known comprise three species from the Gympie Beds (Permo-Carboniferous) of the Rockhampton District, described by Mr. E. Etheridge, Junr.¹, and provisionally referred by him to the genera *Metablastus*, *Granatoerinus* and *Tricoelocrinus*. The two specimens now recorded are different from the Queensland forms, and were obtained from the Glenwilliam (Permo-Carboniferous) series at Clarence Town, N.S.W. They are provisionally classed as species of *Metablastus*. — 2) On a Collection of Crustacea from the Port Curtis District, Queensland. By F. E. Grant, F.L.S., and Allan R. McCulloch. — The paper deals with a collection of over 100 species of Brachyura and Macrura taken in Port Curtis and at the extreme south of the Great Barrier Reef, in October, 1904, by a party of naturalists, in which the authors were included, under the leadership of Mr. C. Hedley, F.F.S. Five species are described as new, viz: — *Pilumnus spinicarpus*, *Metaplar hirsutimanus*, *Cryptoenemus crenulatus*, *Diogenes capricorneus* and *Galathea whiteleggii* — and a new name, *Eupagurus hedleyi*, is given to a species whose name was pre-occupied. Twenty-one species are recorded as new for Australia. Several Queensland species described by Prof. Haswell in the Society's Proceedings, without drawings, are figured from the types in the Australian Museum, by the courtesy of the Trustees. The synonymy of the

¹ Jack and Etheridge, The Geology and Palaeontology of Queensland etc. 1892. p. 210.

whole of the recorded Australian Galatheaidae is also reviewed, and the authenticated species are figured.

Notes and Exhibits.

Mr. Palmer exhibited four young specimens of *Ceratodus forsteri*, artificially hatched and reared by Mr. T. Illidge, lately of Gayndah and now of Gladstone, Q. The ova were collected in the Burnett River and proved perfectly fertile. The four examples of the young fish shown exemplified different stages of growth, the largest being seven months old. In previous attempts none of the young fish survived the fourth month, but on the last occasion they were vigorous so long as Burnett River water was obtainable. On removal to Gladstone only tank rain water was procurable, and this quickly affected the fishes to such an extent that to save them from utter destruction they were preserved. None but mature fish have been obtained from the Burnett and Mary Rivers for many years, and it is supposed that in recent times foes to the ova and young fish have greatly increased in these waters; consequently the species cannot be said to be holding its own. — Mr. David G. Stead exhibited, and offered remarks upon, examples of two species of Mulled — *Mugil waigiensis* Quoy and Gaim., and *M. dussumieri* Cuv. and Val — from coastal waters of New South Wales; both of which are additions to the fauna. The example (immature) of *M. waigiensis* was obtained by Mr. H. C. Dannevig during November, 1903, from a small lagoon inside the breakwater at Ballina, Richmond River. The specimen (mature) of *M. dussumieri* was forwarded from Clarence River during February, 1905, by Inspector Smithers, who mentioned that it was the smallest amongst a number captured at the same time, some of which were about 2lbs. in weight. — Mr. Stead also drew the attention of biologists to the great utility of Waterproof Indian Ink (Higgins') in the writing of labels for immersion with specimens in formalin. — Mr. T. Griffith Taylor showed some very large fossil gastropods, probably a species of *Cerithium*, recently collected by him from the Miocene beds at Aldinga, South Australia.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Herrn Prof. Maynard M. Metcalfs Adresse ist nach dem 1. Aug. 1907
Professor of Zoology, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Bis dahin werden ihn Sendungen unter der Adresse des Woman's
College in Baltimore Md., erreichen.

Zoologisches Institut der Universität Bern.

Privatdozent Dr. Walter Volz erhielt einen einjährigen Urlaub zu einer Forschungsreise nach Westafrika (Adr.: c/o Messrs. J. Stadelmann & Co., Sierra Leone). Als Assistent am Institut vertritt ihn cand. phil. Leo Steck.

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