

means unknown in England. — Dr. Hans Gadow, C.M.Z.S., read a paper on some points in the anatomy of *Pterocles*, with remarks on its systematic position. Detailed descriptions of the alimentary organs and of the muscles were given. The author took the opportunity of discussing the classificatory or systematic value of the caeca in birds. Then, after pointing out the difficulties of placing the Sand-Grouse in the Avian system, he came to the conclusion that the *Pterocletes* (Sclater) should be considered as a group coordinate to the Rasores, Columbæ, and Limicolæ, between which they formed a connecting link. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read a note on a peculiarity of the trachea in the Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise (*Seleucides nigra*) as observed in a male specimen that had recently died in the Society's Gardens. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read a note on the *Strix Oustaleti* of Hartlaub, and pointed out that this bird was none other than the Grass-Owl (*Strix canlida*). — Capt. G. E. Shelley gave the descriptions of some new species of birds which had been obtained in the neighbourhood of Newcastle, Natal. These the author proposed to name *Anthus Butleri* (a very interesting Yellow-breasted Pipit), *Sphenocacus natalensis* (the Natal representative of *S. africanus*), and *S. intermedius* (an intermediate form from Kaffraria). — Messrs. Godman and Salvin read a paper in which was given the descriptions of some new species of Butterflies of the genus *Agrias*, from the valley of the Amazons. — Mr. E. J. Miers read an account of a collection of Crustaceans which had been made by M. V. de Robillard at the Mauritius. The author called special attention to a fine Spider-crab dredged up from a depth of 80 fathoms, which he proposed to name *Naia Robillardi*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Christchurch, New Zealand. — Dr. Wilhelm Haacke (vgl. Zool. Anz. No. 96. p. 580) erhielt im Februar d. J. einen Ruf nach Adelaide (Süd-Australien), um die Direction des dortigen Museums zu übernehmen, welchem Rufe er unmittelbar folgte.

Halle a. S. — An Stelle des verstorbenen Giebel ist Prof. Grenacher (bisher in Rostock) zum ord. Professor der Zoologie ernannt worden.

Rostock. — An Stelle des Prof. Grenacher ist Prof. Dr. A. Goette (bisher in Straßburg) zum ord. Professor der Zoologie ernannt worden.

Straßburg i. Els. — An Stelle des Prof. Goette ist Dr. Ludw. Döderlein, bis vor Kurzem in Japan, zum Director der zoologisch-osteologischen Abtheilung des naturhistorischen Museums der Stadt Straßburg ernannt worden.

Edinburgh. — Mr. E. Ray Lankester, Jodrell Professor of Zoology in University College, London, war gegen Ende März zum Nachfolger Sir Wyville Thomson's als Regius Professor of Natural History in Edinburgh ernannt worden, hat aber vor wenig Tagen auf diese Ernennung verzichtet.

Necrolog.

Am 19. April starb Charles Darwin, der Reformator der organischen Naturwissenschaften, auf seiner Besitzung in Kent.

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