

2. Anzeige.

Die Assistentenstelle am hiesigen Zoologisch-zootomischen Institut ist durch den Weggang des Herrn Dr. Walter Voigt erledigt. Reflectanten wollen sich mit ihrer Bewerbung direct an den Unterzeichneten wenden.

Würzburg, den 24. April 1887.

Prof. Dr. C. Semper,

Director des Zool.-zoot. Instituts in Würzburg.

3. Zoological Society of London.

15th March, 1887. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February 1887, and called attention to a Burmeister's Cariama (*Chunga Burmeisteri*), received in exchange February 24th; a White-fronted Heron (*Ardea novæ-hollandiæ*), from Australia, presented by F. B. Dyas, Esq.; a young specimen of a Black-winged Kite (*Elanus cæruleus*), taken from the nest by Mr. R. Southey, of Southfield, Plumstead, Cape of Good Hope, and received February 25th; and to two Gloved Wallabies (*Halmaturus irma*), received in exchange from the Zoological and Acclimatization Society of Melbourne, February 25th. — Mr. Howard Saunders, F.Z.S., exhibited a young male Harlequin Duck (*Cosmonetta histrionica*), shot off the coast of Northumberland on the 2nd December last, and remarked that it was the second authentic British-killed specimen in existence. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas, F.Z.S., read a paper on the Bats collected by Mr. C. M. Woodford in the Solomon Islands. The localities at which Mr. Woodford collected were chiefly Alu, in the large Shortland Island, and the adjoining small island of Fauro. The collection contained twenty-three specimens belonging to ten species, of which two were new to science. One of these, which represented also a new genus of Pteropine Bats, was proposed to be called *Nesonycteris Woodfordi*. — A communication was read from Mr. W. R. Ogilvie Grant, F.Z.S., containing an account of the birds collected by Mr. C. M. Woodford at Fauro and Shortland Islands, in the Solomon Archipelago, and in other localities of the group. Mr. Grant proposed to name a new Crow of the genus *Macrocorax*, obtained in the island of Guadalcanar, after its discoverer *M. Woodfordi*. — A communication was read from Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., containing a second contribution to the Herpetology of the Solomon Islands. It gave an account of a collection made chiefly at two localities, Fauro Island and Alu, Shortland Island, by Mr. Woodford. Seven species were described as new to science, amongst which was a new genus and species of Batrachians of the family Ranidae, proposed to be called *Batrachylodes vertebralis*. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas, F.Z.S., read a paper describing the milk-dentition of the Koala (*Phascogaleos cinereus*), which was shown to be in the same state of reduction as had been described by Prof. Flower in the case of the Thylacine. — A second communication from Mr. Boulenger contained a description of a new Gecko of the genus *Chondrodactylus* from the Kalahari Desert, South Africa, based on a specimen

which had been presented to the Natural History Museum by Mr. J. Jenner Weir, F.Z.S. The author proposed to call it *C. Weiri*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

5th April, 1887. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of March 1887, and called special attention to two Long-tailed Grass-Finches (*Poëphila acuticauda*) from N. W. Australia, presented by Mr. Walter Burton, F.Z.S.; and to a Fisk's Snake (*Boodon Fiskii*) and a Narrowheaded Toad (*Bufo angusticeps*) from South Africa, presented by the Rev. G. H. R. Fisk. — Mr. F. Day, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on a specimen of a Mediterranean Fish (*Scorpena scrofa*), taken by a trawler off Brixham early in March last, and new to the British fauna. — Mr. J. H. Leech, F.Z.S., exhibited some specimens of new Butterflies from Japan and Corea, and gave a short account of his recent journeys to those countries in quest of Lepidoptera. — The Secretary read a letter addressed to him by the Rev. G. H. R. Fisk, C.M.Z.S., of the Cape Colony, respecting the killing and eating, by a Shrew, of a young venomous Snake (*Sepedon hæmachates*). — Prof. Flower, F.R.S., communicated, on behalf of Messrs. John H. Scott and T. Jeffery Parker, of the University of Otago, N.Z., a paper containing an account of a specimen of a young female *Ziphius*, which was cast ashore alive at Warrington, north of Dunedin, New Zealand, in November 1884. — Mr. Richard S. Wray read a paper on the morphology of the wings of birds, in which a description was given of a typical wing, and the main modifications which are found in other forms of wings were pointed out. One of the principal points adverted to was the absence, in nearly half the class of birds, of the fifth cubital remex, its coverts only being developed. The peculiar structure of the wings in the Ratitæ and the *Sphenisci* was also commented upon. — A communication was read from the Rev. H. S. Gorham, F.Z.S., on the classification of the Coleoptera of the division Languriides. The author pointed out the characters which, in his opinion, were available for the systematic arrangement of this family of Coleoptera, and for its division into genera. The subject had hitherto not received the attention it deserved, and several errors had gained currency, owing to the hasty and insufficient way in which the structure of these insects had been analyzed. He added an analytical table of about forty genera, many of those proposed being new. Further notice of the American genera would soon appear in Messrs. Godman and Salvin's 'Biologia Centrali-Americana'. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

4. Linnean Society of London.

17th March, 1887. — Mr. Alfred O. Walker read a paper on the Crustacea of Singapore. The collection in question having been made by Surg. Major Archer during 1879—1883. The species were chiefly dredged in 15—20 fathoms, or got on shallow sand banks. A full list is given of all the forms identified and several new species are described; among these are *Doclea tetraptera*, *Xanthe scaberrimus*, *Maii Miersii* and *Gephyra Archeri*. — A paper by George King on the Indian Figs was read, in which it was shown that Insects play a considerable part in the fertilization of certain forms. Dealing with the structural peculiarities of the flowers in the Genus *Ficus*, he specifies (1) male (2) pseudohermaphrodite (3) neuter, and (4)

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