

his numerous and important memoirs on Fish and Reptiles generally; and Dr. August Weismann, Professor of Zoology, University of Freiburg, Baden, whose Studies in the Theory of descent, and Embryological researches on Insects and Hydroids &c are acknowledged worthy biological contributions to science. — Mr. J. R. Willis Bund exhibited specimens in spirit of the Rainbow Trout (*Salmo irideus*) which had been reared at the hatcheries of the Fish Culture Establishment, Delaford Park. He pointed out the great difference in size of members of the brood which were of the same age having been reared from eggs of the same batch. He mentioned that circumstances tended to show that it was a migratory fish; hence as such the value of its introduction as a supposed Stream trout would materially be diminished. — A Report on the *Alcyonaria* and *Gorgoniae* of the Mergui Archipelago by Stuart O. Ridley was read. A number of new forms were described. From the present Collection the author believes that the Alcyonarian fauna of the Burmese Coast is in no way behind that of the Indian Ocean generally, so far as known. It would seem to be rich in the soft, fleshy Alcyonid section, e. g. *Spongodes* and *Lobophyton* &c; while the *Gorgoniae* are also fairly represented in new species and one new member of the family Melithaeidae is now added viz. *Mopsella plantoca*. — J. Murie.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

30th March, 1887. — 1) Bacteriological. 2) Contributions towards a knowledge of the Coleoptera of Australia. By A. Sydney Olliff, F.E.S. No. IV. Description of a new genus and species of Oedemeridæ. Mr. Olliff gives the name of *Ithaca anthina* to an insect captured by himself, about a year ago, in Tasmania. It is chiefly remarkable for the enormous dilatation of some of the joints of the antennae, and its spinous metasternum. — 3) Second Note on *Platyceps Wilkinsonii* and other fossils from Gosford. By Professor Stephens, M.A., F.G.S. A brief account, with measurements, is here given of two Labyrinthodont fossils, apparently belonging to the genus *Platyceps*, and possibly to *P. Wilkinsonii*, described last December. Some notice is made of the occurrence with them of *Ceratodus* (?), *Belonostomus*, &c., and of the conditions under which they were entombed. — 4) Additional evidence on Fossil *Salisburia* from Australia. By F. Ratte, M.E. — 5) On an undescribed Shark from Port Jackson. By E. Pierson Ramsay, F.R.S.E., &c., and J. Douglas-Ogilby. A detailed description, with measurements, is here given of a well-known Port Jackson Shark, generally known as the »Whaler«, and which has been hitherto looked upon as *Carcharias brachyurus*, Günth. It is named *Carcharias macrurus*. — 6) Continuation of list of Mr. Boyer-Bower's collection of Birds made in North West Australia. By Dr. E. P. Ramsay, F.R.S.E., &c. — Mr. Norton exhibited a specimen of one of the Myxomycetes, indentified by Mr. Whitelegge as *Stemonitis fusca*, or *ferruginca*, Ehrenb., found on the trunk of a tree at Springwood. Mr. Wilkinson exhibited a selection from the Gosford Collection of Fossils, now amounting to about 400 specimens, comprising a number of new and remarkable forms of Fishes, and he pointed out the importance of the evidence which is now accumulating in favour of the view that the Hawkesbury formation is of Triassic age. Dr. Ramsay exhibited an Egg of the Top-knot Pigeon *Lopholaimus antarcticus*, (Shaw), taken from

the oviduct by Mr. McLennan. The egg is nearly perfectly oval, being only slightly pointed at the thin end, white, and without any gloss; length 1.85 \times 1.25 inches. — Mr. Palmer exhibited six silk egg-bags made by the same spider (species uncertain) at different times, and attached to a branch. — Mr. Masters exhibited a living specimen of one of the »Sleeping Lizards« *Cyclodus nigro-luteus*, Q. and G., sent by Mr. J. D. Cox from Mt. Wilson — a species which is rare so far north, though common in Victoria and Tasmania. — Mr. Steel exhibited a specimen of *Bombyx* from Fiji, quite overgrown by a fungus, springing from all parts of the body. — Mr. Ogilby exhibited a living example of a rare Toad, *Notaden Benettii*, Günth., recently forwarded from Cobar to the Australian Museum. Also an example of the rare snake *Brachyurophis australis*, Krefft, hitherto only recorded from the Clarence and Burdekin Rivers. The locality of the present specimen is unknown. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited for Mr. A. G. Hamilton, of Guntawang, a large and remarkable frog, at present undetermined, recently captured by his son Charles, at Hartley, Blue Mountains, where it was found buried in the sand in the bed of a creek. It differs from any Australian frog at present described, by having a row of spines on the dorsal surface of each of the first three fingers, the seventh and last spine on the first finger of each hand being conspicuously larger and more formidable than the others.

3. Gesuch.

Dr. R. Köhler in Nancy (Faculté des Sciences) wünscht einige Alkohol-Exemplare zu anatomischen Untersuchungen von *Parodoxites* und *Echinorhynchus roseus* Diesing, von Lindemann bei *Strix passerina* und *Leuciscus* entdeckt und im Bulletin de la Soc. Impér. des Naturalistes de Moscou, Vol. 38, 1865. p. 484 beschrieben.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Bonn. Prof. Hubert Ludwig ist von Gießen als Nachfolger R. Hertwig's nach Bonn berufen worden. Assistent am zoologischen Institut in Bonn ist Dr. Walter Voigt geworden, bisher in Würzburg.

Bremen. Zum Director der städtischen Sammlungen für Naturgeschichte und Ethnographie ist Dr. H. Schauinsland, bisher Privatdocent in München, gewählt worden.

Gießen. An Stelle Prof. Ludwig's ist Dr. J. G. Spengel, bisher Director der naturwissenschaftlichen Sammlungen in Bremen, als Professor der Zoologie nach Gießen berufen worden.

Würzburg. An Stelle Dr. W. Voigt's ist Dr. Franz Stuhlmann Assistent am zoologisch-zootomischen Institut in Würzburg geworden.

Necrolog.

Am 20. Mai starb in Freiburg i/Br. Professor Alexander Ecker, der Anatom und Anthropolog.

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