

of a rare *Papilio* (*Papilio porthaon*) from Delagoa Bay, reared in the Society's Gardens. — Prof. Howes exhibited a drawing of a head of *Palinurus penicillatus*, received from M. A. Milne-Edwards, and remarked on the assumption of antenniform characters by the left ophthalmite shown in this specimen. — A paper was read by Mr. W. F. Kirby, F.E.S., Assistant in the Zoological Department, British Museum, entitled »A Revision of the Subfamily *Libellulinae*, with descriptions of new Genera and Species«. The last compendium of this group was published by Dr. Brauer in 1868, in which 40 genera were admitted. Mr. Kirby now raised the number to 88, all fully tabulated and described in his paper, which likewise included descriptions of 52 new species. Mr. Kirby gave a short sketch of the characters of the *Libellulinae*, and more especially of the neurulation, which he considered to be of primary importance. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, F.Z.S., read the third part of his series of notes on the Hume Collection of Birds, which related to *Syrnium maingayi*, Hume, and to the various specimens of this Owl in the British Museum. — A communication was read from Mr. A. Smith Woodward, F.Z.S., on the presence of a canal-system, evidently sensory, in the shields of Pteraspidian fishes. Mr. Woodward described a specimen which seemed to prove that the series of small pits or depressions upon the shields of these ancient fishes, observed by Prof. Ray Lankester, are really the openings of an extensive canal-system traversing the middle layer of the shield. — A second communication from Mr. A. Smith Woodward contained some notes on the »lateral line« of *Squaloraja*, in which it was shown that the »lateral line« of this extinct Liassic Selachian was an open groove supported, as in the Chimæroids, by a series of minute ring-like calcifications. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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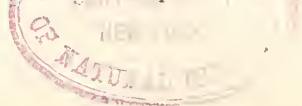
Von den Geschäftsführern der 60. Versammlung Deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte, welche dahier vom 18. bis 24. September d. J. tagen wird, aufgefordert, haben Unterzeichnete es übernommen, für die
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die vorbereitenden Schritte zu thun. Um den Sitzungen unserer Section zahlreichen Besuch und gediegenen Inhalt zuzuführen, beehren wir uns, zur Theilnahme freundlichst einzuladen. Beabsichtigte Vorträge oder Demonstrationen bitten wir frühzeitig bei uns anzumelden. Die Geschäftsführer gedenken Mitte Juli allgemeine Einladungen zu versenden, und wäre es wünschenswerth, schon in diesen Einladungen das Programm der Sectionssitzungen wenigstens theilweise veröffentlichen zu können.

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