lange Fortexistenz ist also auch ohne Kern noch möglich, dagegen glaube ich, daß aus meinen Versuchen mit Bestimmtheit hervorgeht, daß Neubildungen ohne denselben nicht entstehen können<sup>5</sup>.

## III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

## 1. Zoological Society of London.

7th June, 1887. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May, and called attention to a Tooth-billed Pigeon (Didunculus strigirostris) brought home from the Samoan Islands, and presented to the Society by Mr. Wilfred Powell, C.M.Z.S.; to two Red-spotted Lizards (Eremias rubro-punctata) obtained at Moses' Well, in the Peninsula of Sinai, and presented to the Society by Mr. G. Wigan; and to a small scarlet Tree-Frog (Dendrobates typographus) from Costa Rica, presented to the Society by Mr. C. H. Blomefield. - Mr. Sclater called attention to examples of two North-American Foxes now living in the Society's Gardens, which he referred to Canis velox and C. virginianus. — A communication was read from Mr. A. O. Hume, C.B., F.Z.S., containing some notes on Budorcas taxicolor, the Gnu-goat or Takin of the Mishmee Hills, and some remarks on the question of the form of the horns in the female of this animal. — A communication was read from Mr. E. Symonds, containing notes on various species of Snakes met with in the vicinity of Kroonstadt, Orange Free State, specimens of which had been forwarded to Mr. J. H. Gurney, and determined by Dr. Günther. - Mr. Martin Jacoby, F.E.S., gave an account of a small collection of Coleoptera obtained by Mr. W. L. Sclater in British Guiana. - Prof. G. B. Howes, F.Z.S., read a paper on an hitherto unrecognized feature in the larynx of the Anurous Amphibians. This was the existence in many individuals of various species of a rudimentary structure, which appeared to correspond to the epiglottis of Mammals, and which in some instances attained a remarkable development as an organ of voice. - P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

27th April, 1887. — 1) Notes on the genera of Australian fresh-water Fishes. By E. P. Ramsay, F.R.S.E., &c., and J. Douglas-Ogilby. The genus Lates is here divided and re-described, the new genus formed from it, (Percalates) having for its type Lates colonorum, Günther. The genera Psammoperca, Richards., Ctenolates, Günther, and Macquaria, Cuv. and Val., are also re-described, and Castelnau's genera Murrayia and Riverina are made synonyms of Macquaria. — 2) 3) 4) Botanical. — Dr. Ramsay exhibited living specimens of the following snakes from Louth, N.S.W.: — Aspidiotes Ramsayi, Macl., Dendrophis, sp. (a beautiful snake with scarlet markings on the back), and a possibly new species of Hoplocephalus. — Mr. Steel exhibited a number of specimens of a pond-snail (Physa gibbosa, Gld.) abundant just now in an iron tank supplied with city water on the roof of the Pyrmont Refinery. — Mr. Ogilby shewed a specimen of Solenognathus spinosissimus,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Kürzlich sind auch von botanischer Seite sehr interessante Versuche auf diesem Gebiete gemacht worden. s. Klebs, Über den Einfluß des Kerns in der Zelle. in: Biolog. Centralbl. 7. Bd. No. 6. 1887.

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