

3) zerfallen die von vorn nach hinten verlaufenden colossalen Nervenfasern in eine unpaare mediane, welche stets die größte ist, und in paarige seitliche;

4) stehen die colossalen Nervenfasern durch feine Seitenäste mit den übrigen Nervelementen in Zusammenhang.

Auch das Stützgewebe ist hier wie dort ectodermalen Ursprunges.
Breslau, den 24. Februar 1888.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

20th March, 1888. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., read a note on the classification of the Ranidae, in which, after speaking of the difficulty hitherto experienced in dividing this large group satisfactorily, he called attention to Peters's discovery that in certain forms a small additional phalanx is present between the ultimate and what is normally the penultimate phalanx. The author therefore proposed to separate the family Ranidae into two groups, according to the presence or absence of this peculiar digital structure. — Mr. G. B. Sowerby, F.Z.S., gave the description of sixteen new species of Shells, amongst which were two species of the genus *Lima* from Hongkong and Japan; a remarkable species of the rare genus *Malletia* from the Bay of Bengal; a very distinct species of *Cypraea* from Japan; and one of the largest species yet known of the genus *Columbella*. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.Z.S., read some notes on a freshwater Annelid, of which he had obtained specimens from a tank in the Society's Gardens. Mr. Beddard referred these specimens to a new species of the genus *Aeolosoma*, which he proposed to call *Ae. Headleyi*. — Prof. Newton, F.R.S., communicated (on behalf of Mr. Scott Barchard Wilson) the description of *Chloridops*, a new generic form of Fringillidae, based on a specimen obtained on the west coast of the Island of Hawaii, Sandwich Group, which he proposed to name *Chloridops koua*. Unfortunately the single example yet obtained was of the female sex. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 4./16. März starb in St. Petersburg der Prof. ord. Dr. Modest Bogdanow im Alter von 47 Jahren. Er ist durch seine faunistischen Arbeiten über Wirbelthiere, namentlich durch seine ornithologischen Forschungen rühmlichst bekannt.

Berichtigung.

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