

Schon aus diesen wenigen Tabellen, die allerdings das Resultat einer ziemlich mühsamen Arbeit enthalten, ergeben sich einige auffällige Verhältnisse, die aber auch gleichzeitig erkennen lassen, daß nur ausgedehnte derartige Untersuchungen eine sichere Basis für allgemeingültige Schlußfolgerungen abgeben können. Ich hoffe bald ein größeres Beobachtungsmaterial mit eingehenden Erörterungen den wissenschaftlichen Kreisen unterbreiten zu können.

Hottingen-Zürich, den 28. April 1888.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

15th May, 1888. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April, 1888; and called special attention to two Rock-hopper Penguins from the Auckland Islands, presented by Capt. Sutcliff, R.M.S.S. 'Aorangi', 19th April; also to two Indian Hill-Foxes, and to a fine example of the Spotted Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus nipalensis*), presented by Col. Alex. A. A. Kinloch, C.M.Z.S., and received 20th April. — A communication was read from Mr. George A. Treadwell, containing an account of a fatal case of poisoning from the bite of the Gila Monster (*Heloderma suspectum*). — Mr. Boulenger exhibited the type-specimen of a singular new genus of Snakes (*Azemiope Feae*) recently discovered by M. Fea, of the Museo Civico of Genoa, in the Kakhim Hills, Upper Burma. Mr. Boulenger proposed to refer this genus provisionally to the family Elapidae. — The Secretary read a letter addressed to him by Mr. E. C. Cotes, Entomological Department, Indian Museum, Calcutta, respecting the insect-pests of India, and requesting the assistance of entomologists in working out the species to which they belong. — Mr. H. Seebohm exhibited and made remarks on a series of specimens of Pheasants from Mongolia, Thibet, and China, including examples of the two species discovered by Col. Prjevalski, *Phasianus Strauchi* and *P. Vlangali*. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell exhibited and made remarks on three specimens of a large Pennatulid (*Funiculina quadrangularis*) obtained by Mr. John Murray on the west coast of Scotland. They showed very clearly the differences between examples of this species of different ages. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe gave an account of a third collection of birds made by Mr. L. Wray in the main range of mountains of the Malay Peninsula, Perak. The present paper contained descriptions of ten species new to science, amongst which was a new *Pericrocotus*, proposed to be called *P. Wrayi*. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell read the descriptions of four new species of Ophiuroids from various localities. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a paper containing remarks on certain points in the visceral anatomy of *Balaeniceps rex* bearing upon its affinities, which he considered to be with the Ardeidae rather than with the Ciconiidae. — Mr. G. B. Sowerby gave the description of a gigantic new species of Mollusk of the genus *Aspergillum* from Japan, which he proposed to name *A. giganteum*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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