

weder an einem der Teiche des südlichen Böhmens, oder an einem Böhmerwaldsee aufgestellt werden. Mit den Arbeiten wird der Museumsassistent Herr Vavra binnen 14 Tagen beginnen.

## 2. Zoological Society of London.

19<sup>th</sup> June, 1888. — A letter was read addressed to the President by Dr. Emin Pasha, dated Tunguru Island (Lake Albert), October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1887, announcing the despatch of further collections of natural-history objects, and promising for the Society some notes on European migratory birds observed in that country. — An extract was read from a letter addressed by Mr. E. L. Layard, F.Z.S., to Mr. John Ponsoyby, F.Z.S., concerning the occurrence of a West-Indian Land-Shell (*Stenogyra octona*) in New Caledonia. — Mr. Tegetmeier exhibited and made remarks on the feet of an Australian Rabbit, supposed to have acquired arboreal habits. — Prof. Bell exhibited and made remarks on a specimen of a tubeforming Actinian (*Cerianthus membranaceus*) in its tube; obtained by Mr. John Murray at a depth of 70 fathoms in Loch Etive. — A communication was read from Prof. W. Newton Parker, F.Z.S., on the poison-glands of the fishes of the genus *Trachinus*. This paper showed the existence of glands in connexion with the grooved dorsal and opercular spines of the two British species of Weever. The glands were stated to be composed of large granular nucleated cells, which are continuous with those of the epidermis. An account of the observations of previous authors, both as regards the structure and physiology of the poison-organs of these fishes, was also given. — A communication was read from Mr. H. W. Bates, F.R.S., containing the description of a collection of Coleoptera made by Mr. J. H. Leech, during a recent visit to the eastern side of the Korean Peninsula. — A second communication from Mr. Bates treated of some new species of Coleoptera of the families Cicindelidae and Carabidae from the valley of the Yang-tze-Kiang, China. — Mr. J. B. Sutton read a paper on some abnormalities occurring among animals recently living in the Society's Gardens. — Prof. Bell read an account of a collection of Echinoderms made at Tuticorin, Madras, by Mr. Edgar Thurston, C.M.Z.S., Superintendent of the Government Central Museum, Madras. — A communication was read from Mr. F. Moore, F.Z.S., containing the second portion of a list of the Lepidoptera collected by the Rev. J. H. Hocking, chiefly in the Kangra District of the northwestern Himalayas. The present paper contained the descriptions of seven new genera and of forty-eight new species. An account of the transformations of a number of these species was also given from Mr. Hocking's notes. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 3. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

30<sup>th</sup> May, 1888. — 1) Geographical. — 2) The Insects of the West Kimberley District, N.W. Australia. By William Macleay, F.L.S., &c. The Cicindelidae and Carabidae contained in Mr. Froggatt's collections made last year in the neighbourhood of King's Sound, are here recorded, numbering considerably over one hundred species, quite eight-tenths of them new. Mr. Macleay explained that though the species were mostly now de-

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