

the specimen purchased October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1883, still living in the Society's Gardens, and was, so far as could be at present ascertained, referable to the Bald-headed Chimpanzee, *Anthropopithecus calvus*. — A letter was read from Heer F. E. Blaauw of Amsterdam, containing an account of the development of the horns of the Whitetailed Gnu as observed in specimens bred in his Menagerie. — Professor Newton exhibited a specimen of *Pennula Millsi*, Dole, brought from the Sandwich Islands by Mr. S. B. Wilson, remarking that it seemed to be identical specifically with *Rallus obscurus*, Gmelin, a species which has not been lately recognized. — Professor Bell made some remarks on the question of the food of *Bipalium*. — Canon Tristram made some remarks on a specimen of *Emberiza cioides*, a Bunting of Siberia, of which a specimen was believed to have been obtained in this country at Flamborough in October 1887. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell read a note on the Echinoderm fauna of the Bay of Bengal. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F. Z. S., and Mr. Frederick Treves, F. Z. S., F. R. C. S., gave an account of the anatomy of the Sumatran Rhinoceros as observed in two specimens of this animal that had lately died in the Society's Gardens. The muscular anatomy of the limbs of this Rhinoceros was especially treated of. — Prof. Newton read a paper on the breeding of the Seriema (*Cariama cristata*) in the Society's Gardens. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

### 3. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

28<sup>th</sup> November, 1888. — 1) Contributions towards a knowledge of the Coleoptera of Australia, No. V. By A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S., Assistant Zoologist, Australian Museum. This short paper contains descriptions of several new species belonging to genera hitherto unrecorded as Australian. Of these *Rhinosimus corticalis* and *Dryophilus sordulentus* are perhaps the most interesting. — 2) Descriptions of hitherto undescribed Australian Lepidoptera (*Rhopalocera*). By W. H. Miskin, F.E.S. Besides an account of the males of *Delias nigridius* and *Hypochrysops hecalius*, and a record of the occurrence of *Zeritis Thyra*, L., an African species of Lycaenidae, at Newcastle, N.S.W., the following species are made known in this paper: — *Tachyris asteria* from Port Douglas, *Pyrameis Lucasi* from Fernshaw, Victoria, *Hypochrysops euclides* from Gippsland, and *H. Olliffi* from Fremantle, W.A., &c. — 3) Notes on Australian Earthworms, Part V. By J. J. Fletcher, M.A., B.Sc. This paper includes descriptions of about twenty new species of earthworms, the majority of them from New South Wales, but with a few from Queensland and South Australia. There are added a new species to each of the genera *Digaster* and *Perissogaster*, two to *Megascolides* (*Notoscoler*), twelve to *Cryptodrilus*, and the remainder to *Perichaeta*; they include several species of considerable interest from a morphological stand-point. — Dr. Cox exhibited a Crustacean, (*Squilla* sp.) numbers of which have of late been brought to market with the large prawns now abundant, having been captured in the prawn-nets. — Mr. Ogilby exhibited — (1) A specimen of a fish, *Apogon Guentheri*, whose mouth was crammed with ova, suggesting the possibility of this species having contracted the habit (well known in other genera, such as *Hemipimelodus*, *Chromis*, &c.) of hatching out the ova in the pharynx; on the other hand, possibly the fish, having been placed suddenly in spirits, may have attempted to eject the contents of

its stomach, but was unable to complete its work. This view of the matter seems less probable, however, since, from practical knowledge, Mr. Ogilby feels certain that all fishes on the first approach of danger eject the contents of the stomach at once. — (2) Two specimens of *Ambassis*, from the Parramatta River, in which the second dorsal fin has, as often as not, two spines. — (3) Two specimens of a rare South Australian snake, *Vermicella Bertholdii*, presented last week to the Australian Museum by Mr. Zietz of the Adelaide Museum, by whom they had been collected. — Mr. Burnell exhibited a monstrous kitten with eight legs. — Mr. Macleay exhibited two species of Cyprinidae sent to him by Mr. W. R. Campbell of Elvo, Burradoo. One species was taken in Bowral Creek, and proved to be of an American genus (*Carpionodes*) identical with some specimens exhibited by him at the last meeting; three specimens of the other species were taken from the stomach of a cormorant, shot on the Wingecarribee River, and are small specimens of the common Crucian Carp, *Carassius vulgaris*. — Mr. Fletcher also showed two living specimens of *Peripatus Leuckarti*, Säng., from Burrawang, County of Camden, a new locality for this interesting creature, though not far distant from the other places where all the specimens so far recorded from New South Wales have been found, with the exception of Mr. Olliff's specimen from Cassilis. They were obtained a fortnight ago, under logs, and were the only specimens met with, though careful search was made. One of them has dark tints prevalent, the other has rusty red or brown most conspicuous; thus presenting the same considerable variation in colour as was pointed out on a previous occasion.

#### IV. Personal-Notizen.

Oxford. The board of Electors to the Linacre Professorship of Human and Comparative Anatomy at Oxford have, owing to Professor Moseley's continued illness, nominated Mr. W. Hatchett Jackson, M. A., F. L. S. of New College to serve as Deputy-Professor.

Columbus, Ohio. Dr. David S. Kellicott has been elected to the chair of Comparative Anatomy and Zoology in the Ohio State University.

Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Geo. H. Parker has been appointed instructor in Zoology at Harvard University.

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#### Necrolog.

Am 3. December 1888 starb im Haag der niederländische Zoolog, Dr. W. J. Vigelius, besonders durch seine anatomischen und embryologischen Arbeiten über Bryozoen rühmlichst bekannt.

Am 5. Januar 1889 starb in Hamburg Professor H. A. Pagenstecher, Director des naturhistorischen Museums, früher Professor der Zoologie in Heidelberg.

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