

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, *Vernicella 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 (*Carpiodes*) 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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