

second communication from Mr. Bates gave descriptions of some new species of the Coleopterous families Cicindelidae and Carabidae, taken by Mr. Pratt at Chang Yang, near Ichang, in China. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

27<sup>th</sup> February, 1889. — 1) Notes on the genus *Lestophonus*, Williston, and description of a new Species. By Frederick A. A. Skuse. After briefly recounting what is known of the Dipterous parasite (*Lestophonus iceryae*, Will.) of *Iceya Purchasi*, Mask., from the time of its discovery by Mr. Crawford of Adelaide, to its artificial introduction into California, the author points out that two distinct species have been erroneously regarded by Dr. Williston as identical, viz., the parasite of the above-mentioned Coccid and that of *Monophlebus Crawfordi*, Mask. Having lately bred large numbers of both parasites, the author has been enabled to give the matter a thorough examination, and, with a view of assisting in the exact determination of the two species, submits a more complete description of *L. iceryae*, and characterises the new species under the name *L. monophlebi*. He is also of opinion that the genus *Lestophonus* can be included in the family Oscinidae only as an anomalous genus. Not only is the arista of the antennae entirely wanting, and the anal cell present, but a rudimentary auxiliary vein is visible, and a pale posterior basal transverse vein exists. — 2) Descriptions of two new species of Australian Cetoniidae. By Oliver E. Janson, F.E.S. Communicated by A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S. In this short notice Mr. Janson describes two distinct new forms of the genus *Diaphonia*, named respectively *D. Olliffiana* and *D. adusta*, one from Warra, New South Wales, the other from Western Australia. The first of these was collected by Captain W. Peel, and is allied to the common *D. dorsalis*, Don.; the characters of its female are added in a foot-note by Mr. Olliff. — Mr. Brazier exhibited on behalf of Mr. R. C. Rossiter, a pair of the eggs of the „Mallow Hen“ (*Megapodius Layardi*) from Malicolo, New Hebrides. — Mr. Rohu exhibited four embryos of *Crocodilus porosus* in rather advanced stages of development, from Queensland.

## IV. Personal-Notizen.

Utrecht. E. Rosenberg ist nicht nach Amsterdam (wie in No. 305 irrthümlich angegeben wurde), sondern als Nachfolger des aus Gesundheitsrücksichten abgetretenen Prof. W. Koster nach Utrecht berufen worden. Nachfolger M. Fürbringer's in Amsterdam ist G. Ruge von Heidelberg geworden.

### Necrolog.

Am 10. März starb in Paris Charles Frédéric Martins, welcher, am 6. Febr. 1806 in Paris geboren, Professor der medicinischen Naturgeschichte in Montpellier war und sich außer durch geologische, meteorologische und botanische Arbeiten durch mehrere vortreffliche Untersuchungen über die Morphologie der Säugethiere bekannt gemacht hat.

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