

4. Zoological Society of London.

16th April, 1889. — The Secretary exhibited a pair of a fine large Buprestine Beetle of the genus *Julodis* (*Julodis Ffinchi*), obtained by Mr. B. T. Ffinch near Karachi; and a Mole-cricket (*Gryllotalpa vulgaris*), sent by Mrs. Talbot from Bagdad. — Mr. Sclater made some remarks on the animals he had noticed during a recent visit to the Zoological Gardens of Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Antwerp. — A communication was read from Mr. A. H. Everett, C.M.Z.S., containing remarks on the zoo-geographical relationships of the Island of Palawan and some adjacent islands. In this paper it was contended that Palawan and the other islands intervening between Borneo and Mindoro form an integral portion of the Bornean group, and do not naturally belong to the Philippine Archipelago, with which they have hitherto been treated. The writer founded his contention upon the grounds (1) that the islands in question are connected with Borneo by a shallow submarine bank, while they are separated from the Philippines by a sea of over 500 feet depth; and (2) that a comparison of the Bornean and Philippine elements in the fauna of Palawan, so far as it is known, shows a marked preponderance of the former over the latter element; while the Philippine forms are also more largely and more profoundly modified than the Bornean species. This fact indicated that they had been longer isolated, and consequently that the fauna of Palawan was originally derived from Borneo, and not from the Philippines, though a considerable subsequent invasion of species from the latter group had taken place. — A communication was read from Mr. Oldfield Thomas, F.Z.S., containing an account of the mammals of Kina Balu, North Borneo, from the collections made on that mountain by Mr. John Whitehead in 1887 and 1888. The species represented in Mr. Whitehead's collection were 21 in number, of which six had proved to be new to science. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read the second of his communications on the fishes obtained by Surgeon-Major A. S. G. Jayakar at Muscat, on the east coast of Arabia. The two collections recently received from Mr. Jayakar contained examples of 80 species not included in Mr. Boulenger's former list. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Hamburg. Prof. Dr. K. Kraepelin hat am 1. April die Leitung des naturhistorischen Museums in Hamburg übernommen.

Lincoln, Nebraska. Die Adresse von Dr. J. S. Kingsley ist nicht mehr »Bloomington, Indiana«, sondern »State University, Lincoln, Nebraska«.

Necrolog.

Dr. J. G. Brock (s. Z. A. No. 305, p. 324) ist am 20. Febr. gestorben.

Am 3. April starb Dr. Victor Signoret, der bekannte ausgezeichnete Hemipterolog.

Am 1. Mai starb in Forsteck bei Kiel Herr Dr. Heinrich Adolph Meyer, Mitglied der Commission zur wissenschaftlichen Erforschung der deutschen Meere, mit Prof. K. Möbius Verfasser der Fauna der Kieler Bucht.

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