

tere bei *Spongilla lacustris* zu vervollständigen wären) wird meine Behauptung, daß auch die Süßwasserfauna Material zur Discussion des Speciesproblems liefern könne, begründeter erscheinen. Durch eine vergleichende Untersuchung bestimmter Mitglieder der Wasserthierwelt aus verschiedenen Seen, wird sich mit der Zeit etwas Genaueres über die Richtung der Abweichungen vom Art-Typus und über deren Betrag bei einzelnen Species feststellen lassen.

Das Plöner Observatorium soll künftighin die Möglichkeit gewähren, derartige Untersuchungen in einem großen und mannigfaltigen Seengebiete auszuführen. Ebenso soll durch die projectirte kleine Anstalt die möglichst gründliche zoologisch-botanische Durchforschung eines einzigen, umfangreichen Wasserbeckens in Angriff genommen und durch alle Jahreszeiten fortgeführt werden. Für die Beschaffung der erforderlichen Instrumente wird einer unserer hervorragendsten deutschen Optiker sorgen, insofern derselbe in liberalster Weise die Zusicherung gegeben hat, das Stationshaus mit einigen vorzüglichen Microscopen auszurüsten. Es werden also von den verschiedensten Seiten Anstrengungen gemacht und Opfer gebracht, um die geplante Süßwasserstation in's Leben zu rufen. Letzteres geschieht zunächst unabhängig von jeder staatlichen Beihilfe; dagegen soll zur Bestreitung der laufenden Unterhaltungskosten des bescheidenen Institutes eine angemessene Subvention von der Königl. Regierung erbeten werden.

Im nächsten Jahre wird auch am Seeteiche bei Unter-Poernitz in Böhmen eine Süßwasserstation (ähnlich wie die von mir für den Plöner See projectirte) in's Leben treten, um Herrn Prof. Dr. Fritsch in Prag zu biologischen Studien über die einheimische Wasserfauna zu dienen.

Dieses böhmische Observatorium wird auf Privatkosten des Herrn Baron Bela Dertscheni erbaut und sicherlich viel zur Förderung der zoologischen Landeskunde in Böhmen beitragen.

Das Plöner Stationshaus kann selbstverständlich von nur geringen Dimensionen sein; immerhin wird es aber so viel Platz enthalten, um vier Forschern zu gleicher Zeit die Vornahme microscopischer oder experimenteller Arbeiten zu gestatten.

## 2. Zoological Society of London.

5<sup>th</sup> November, 1889. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the months of June, July, August, and September, 1889, and called attention to certain interesting accessions which had been received during that period. Amongst

these were specially noted a Short Python (*Python curtus*), from Malacca, presented July 2nd by Mrs. Bertha M. L. Bonsor; and a Prêtre's Amazon (*Chrysotis praetrix*), purchased July 23rd: both new to the Collection. — Mr. J. H. Gurney, Jun., F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on a hybrid Wagtail, bred in confinement, between the Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla melanope*) and the Pied Wagtail (*M. lugubris*). — Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on some variations in the plumage of the Partridge (*Perdix cinerea*). — Prof. Bell, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on two specimens of *Virgularia mirabilis*, recently dredged by the Hon. A. E. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., in Loch Craignish. He also exhibited two young living specimens of *Palinurus vulgaris*, received from Mr. Spencer, of Guernsey, in which the stridulating-organs were still capable of making sounds. — A communication was read from the Rev. Thomas R. R. Stebbing, containing an account of the Amphipodous Crustaceans of the genus *Urothoë*, and of a new allied genus proposed to be called *Urothoides*. — A communication was read from Col. C. Swinhoe F.Z.S., containing descriptions of a large number of new Indian Lepidoptera, chiefly Heterocera. — Mr. P. L. Sclater gave an account of the birds collected by Mr. Ramage in St. Lucia, West Indies, which were referred to thirty species. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., read a note on the Short Python (*Python curtus*), a specimen of which was stated to be living in the Society's Reptile House. — A communication was read from Dr. E. C. Stirling, of the University of Adelaide, on some points in the anatomy of the female organs of generation of the Kangaroo, especially in relation to the acts of impregnation and parturition. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read some notes on the anatomy of an Oligochaetous Worm of the genus *Dero*, relating principally to its reproductive system. — A communication was read from Mr. Scott B. Wilson, in which were given the descriptions of four new species of Hawaiian birds, proposed to be called *Chrysometridops coeruleirostris*, *Loxops flammæa*, *Himatione montana*, and *H. Stejnegeri*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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

25<sup>th</sup> September, 1889. — 1) Botanical. — 2) Descriptions of two new Species of Mollusca. By J. C. Cox, M.D., F.L.S. For the two species herein described the names *Ancylus Smithi* and *Cypraea Irvineanae* are proposed. Living specimens of the former obtained on *Vallisneria* at Port Hack-ing, together with the drawings of the *Cypraea*, which is from Western Australia, were exhibited at the meeting of the Society in July last. — 3) Revision of the Genus *Heteronyx*, with descriptions of new Species. Part IV. By Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., Corr. Mem. This paper deals with about twenty-six species — of which the majority are described as new — forming the third group of the third of the main divisions into which the author divides the genus. — 4) Notes on Australian Coleoptera, with de-scriptions of new Genera and Species. Part IV. By Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., Corr. Mem. This paper is directly or indirectly the outcome of the examination of a small collection of *Carabidae*, together with a few *Longi-cornæ*, sent to the author by Mr. W. D. Randall from Barrow's Creek in southern tropical Australia, and of collections recently received from Central

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