

### III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

15th April, 1890. — Mr. A. Smith-Woodward, F.Z.S., read a paper on some new fishes from the English Wealden and Purbeck Beds, referable to the genera *Oligopleurus*, *Strobilodus*, and *Mesodon*. Detailed descriptions of several fossils of these genera, now in the British Museum, were given. *Oligopleurus* was stated to be represented by a single species in the Wealden of the Isle of Wight, occurring also in the Purbeck of Dorsetshire; and the latter formation had yielded at least one species both of *Strobilodus* and *Mesodon*. Previous researches had already indicated a close connexion between the fishfauna of the English Purbeck Beds and that of the Upper Jurassic Lithographic Stones of France, Bavaria, and Würtemberg; and the new forms now described tended to demonstrate that alliance even more clearly. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read the second of a series of reports on the additions to the Batrachian Collection in the Natural-History Museum. Since 1886, when the first report was made on this subject, examples of 74 additional species of Batrachians had been acquired. Amongst these was a remarkable new form allied to the family Engystomatidae, proposed to be called *Genyophryne Thomsoni*, based on a single specimen obtained by Mr. Basil Thomson on Sudest Island, near South-east New Guinea. The form was stated to be unique in having teeth in the lower, but none in the upper jaw. — Mr. Frank E. Beddard read a paper on the structure of *Psophia*, and on its relations to other birds. The author was inclined to consider *Psophia* most nearly allied to *Cariama* and *Chunga*, and more distantly to *Rhinocetus*, but entitled to stand as a distinct family in the group of Cranes and their allies. — Mr. Henry Seebohm gave an account of a collection of birds from the northern part of the province of Fokien, South-eastern China. Several interesting species were represented in the series, amongst which was a new *Hemixos*, proposed to be called *H. canipennis*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

#### 2. 63. Versammlung deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte.

Die 63. Versammlung deutscher Naturforscher wird vom 15. bis 20. September in Bremen abgehalten. Als einführende Vorsitzende und Schriftführer der 5. und 6. Abtheilung, für Zoologie und für Entomologie, laden die Herren Director Dr. Schauinsland und Dr. Plate, und Oberlehrer Brinkmann und Dr. Alfken, zur Theilnahme an den Verhandlungen dieser Abtheilungen ein und bitten um Anmeldung von Vorträgen und Demonstrationen womöglich vor Ende Mai, damit dieselben in den, Anfang Juli zu erlassenden allgemeinen Einladungen bei der Übersicht der Abtheilungs-Sitzungen angegeben werden können.

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