

früheren Anschauungen trotz Whitman aufrecht halte; ich bedauere nur von Whitman in einigen wesentlichen Punkten vollkommen mißverstanden zu sein. Er imputiert mir Anschauungen, von welchen ich meilenweit entfernt war und sucht »new facts« gegen mich aufzustellen, welche ich lange vor ihm selbst bewiesen habe.

Neapel, den 2. Juni 1890.

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

30th April, 1890. — 1) Botanical. — 2) Notes on Aboriginal Stone Weapons. No. I. — The Knife used by the Mulligan River (North Central Queensland) aborigines in the „Mika“ operation. By R. Etheridge. The stone knife was obtained at Sandringham, on the Mulligan River, and furnished to the writer by Mr. H. S. W. Crummer, of the Department of Lands. It is flaked from a jasperoid rock, seven and a half inches long, the blade being three-edged, the cutting edges being very sharp. So far as the writer is aware, the Mika-knife has only once before been figured — by Mr. Carl Lumholtz. Various matters connected with the operation are also discussed. — 3) Has man a Geological History in Australia? By R. Etheridge. The general want of satisfactory evidence of man's existence in Australia during Post Tertiary times is commented on, and the various opinions which have been given on the subject are passed in review. A portion of the human tooth found in the Wellington Breccia Cave by the late Mr. Gerard Krefft is described, and the question of its value as evidence, from what is known of its history, is discussed. After considering all the evidence at present forthcoming the author arrives at the conclusion that the matter can hardly be summed up better than by the very reasonable and often correctly applied Scotch verdict of „not proven“. — Mr. Olliff exhibited the supplementary index to Mr. Whymper's „Travels amongst the great Andes of the Equator“, containing an account of the Coleoptera obtained during the expedition, and he drew attention to the special excellence of the woodcuts of the insects therein described. — Mr. Skuse exhibited a large collection of Diptera which had been recently made by Mr. R. Helms at Dunoon, Upper Richmond River, N.S.W. The greater part of the collection consisted of *Nematocera*, belonging to the families Cecidomyiidae, Sciaridae, Mycetophilidae, Bibionidae, Culicidae, Chironomidae, Psychodidae, Tipulidae, Dixidae, and Rhyphidae, the majority of the species represented being new. Among the Tipulidae, of which specimens of about forty species were obtained, there are several new and remarkable forms, including *Limnobia* (sensu stricto), *Dicranomyia*, *Thrypticomysia*, *Geranomyia*, *Libnotes*, *Orimarga*, *Molophilus*, *Trimicra*, *Conosia*, *Limnophila*, *Gynoplistia*, *Habromastix* and *Macromastix*. Also a very extensive collection of Diptera received from the Queensland Museum for descriptive purposes; specimens of *Eristalis tenax*, Linn., and *Gastrophilus equi*, Fab., from New Zealand; and a specimen of the gall of the Coccid *Brachyscelis munita*, Schrader, found on *Eucalyptus robusta*, Sm.

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