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

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

17th June, 1890. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on a mounted head of a Pallah Antelope, obtained by Capt. F. Cookson, F.Z.S., on the Cunene river, in South-western Africa, which was distinguished by its black face from the ordinary form of the Cape Colony. — Mr. Sclater also exhibited a large photograph of Grévy's Zebra (*Equus Grévyi*), taken from the specimen in the Natural-History Museum at Paris by Mr. Gambier Bolton. — A specimen of Pallas's Plover (*Aegialitis asiatica*), obtained in May last near Great Yarmouth, and now in the Norwich Museum, was exhibited; and a note upon its occurrence by Mr. T. Southwell was read to the Meeting. — A communication was read from Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell containing some notes received from Mr. Edgar Thurston, C.M.Z.S., of the Madras Museum, on the habits of the Pennatulids of the genus *Virgularia*. — A communication was read from Mons. P. A. Pichot, C.M.Z.S., containing exact particulars of the locality on the Lower Rhone in which the Beaver is still found in its native state. — Mr. W. Bateson, F.Z.S., read a paper on some cases of repetition of parts in animals, and exhibited a series of specimens illustrative of this subject. — Mr. Henley Grose Smith, F.Z.S., gave an account of the Diurnal Lepidoptera collected by Mr. W. Bonny, of the Emin Relief Expedition, on the river Aruwimi, Central Africa. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Distant, F.E.S., containing descriptions of some Hemiptera collected by Mr. W. Bonny during the same expedition. — A communication was read from Mr. H. W. Bates, F.R.S., on some of the Coleoptera collected by Mr. W. Bonny during the same expedition. — Mr. Herbert Druce, F.Z.S., read the descriptions of ninety-five new species of Lepidoptera Heterocera from Central and South America. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., pointed out the secondary sexual characters in the South-African Tortoises of the genus *Homopus*. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Sclater, F.Z.S., containing a series of critical notes on the Indian species of the family Muridae. — A communication was read from Mr. J. T. Cunningham, containing some notes on the secondary sexual characters of the genus *Arnoglossus*. The author showed that the so-called *Arnoglossus laterna* is only the female of *A. lophotes*. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read the sixth part of his series of notes on the Hume Collection of Birds. The present communication treated of the Coraciidae of the Indian region, and contained descriptions of three new species. — A communication was read from Miss E. M. Sharpe containing an account of a collection of Lepidoptera made by Mr. Edmund Reynolds on the rivers Tocantins and Araguaya, and in the province of Goyaz, Brazil. — Mr. Edmund

S. Hall gave an account of the occurrence of a persistent right posterior cardinal vein in a Rabbit. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

28th May, 1890. — 1) Botanical. — 2) On a new Australian Coccid. By W. M. Maskell, F.R.M.S. (Communicated by A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S.) The very distinct Coccid described under the name *Coelostoma australe* is the first of the genus recorded outside New Zealand. The type specimens were obtained on a species of *Angophora* in the neighbourhood of Sydney, the males being remarkable by the possession of a long brush-like tail. 3) Undescribed Australian Lepidoptera from Brisbane, Queensland. By Thomas P. Lucas, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A. Lond., L.R.C.P. and L.M., Edin. Seven species referable to the genera *Nyctemera*, *Antheraea*, *Iodis*, *Hypochroma*, and *Xenosoma*, are proposed as new. — 4) Notes on the Life-history of Australian Saw-flies, with Description of a new Species. By W. W. Froggatt. Observations on the life-history of only two species of the characteristically Australian genus *Perga* have hitherto been recorded, namely, *P. Lewisi* by Prof. Westwood in 1836, and *P. dorsalis* by Messrs. Bennett and Scott in 1859. In the present paper the observations of these authors for the two species named are confirmed and supplemented, and an account is given of the metamorphoses of five other species, namely *P. polita*, Leach, an undescribed species which is proposed as new under the name *P. chalybea*, *P. Foersteri*, Westw., *P. Latreillei*, Leach, and *P. Spinolae*, Westw. The larvae of the seven species dealt with were obtained in the neighbourhood of Sydney or Nundle, N.S.W., and the perfect insects were bred from them. A description of *P. chalybea* is given, and some critical remarks are offered on *P. Spinolae*, which turns out to be only the female of *P. Latreillei*, both having been bred from the same batch of larvae. — 5) Notes on Australian Aboriginal Stone Weapons. No. II.—Additional Remarks on Mika Knives; No. III.—An abnormal form of Tomahawk from Port Stephens; No. IV.—A well finished Tomahawk of ordinary form from Brisbane Water. By R. Etheridge, Jun., Palaeontologist to the Australian Museum and Geological Survey of New South Wales. — Dr. Cox exhibited an albino specimen of *Dacelo gigas*, obtained by Mr. Caley; also a very fine example of the base of the stolon of a fossil plant (*Calamites*) from a road-cutting in the Hawkesbury Sandstone at North Shore. He also made some remarks on a plague of mice of at present undetermined species recently infesting his premises at North Shore; they first attracted attention in the garden by their depredations on the flowers of *Hibiscus*; then in the house, where they exhibited great partiality for fruit, but avoided such articles as cheese; ultimately becoming a nuisance through their nesting in drawers and destroying papers for the purpose of making their nests. — Mr. Palmer showed portions of the roots of an apple tree infested with American Blight (*Aphis lanigera*). The plant was supplied from a nursery as a blight-proof variety but had failed to maintain its reputation. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited specimens of the “plague locust” from Hay, Mulwala, N.S.W., and the Wimmera, Victoria; and he called attention to the doubtful identification of this locust. In the Victorian Agricultural Report for 1873, a description and figures of this insect and of the “painted locust” (*Oedipoda musica*, Serv.) are given; but in the text the

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