

Mitchell described a graphic formula, designed for the purpose of representing Geographical Distribution. The regions were indicated by lines, the subregions by symmetrically placed numbers. This formula could be drawn rapidly and printed without engraving. — Mr. W. L. Sclater read the description of a Jerboa from Central Asia, which he proposed to refer to a new genus and species of Dipodinae under the name *Eucoreutes naso*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

24th September, 1890. — 1) Stray Notes on Lepidoptera. No. I. By A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S. — 2) Revision of the Genera *Colpochila* (including *Haplonycha*), *Sericesthis*, and their Allies, with descriptions of new Species. Part I. By Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., Corr. Mem. This paper commences the revision of the second division of the group *Heteronyxides* (Fam. *Melolonthidae*) of M. Lacordaire characterised by the possession of normal elytra and simple claws. Between twenty and thirty species of *Colpochila* and *Sericesthis* are proposed as new. — 3) Notes on Australian Coleoptera with descriptions of new species. Part VIII. By Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., Corr. Mem. A new genus and about thirty new species referable to various families are described. — 4) Description of a new Genus of Cystigathoid Frogs from New South Wales. By G. A. Boulenger. (Communicated by J. J. Fletcher.) The new genus, *Phanerotis*, comes nearest to *Cryptotis*, Gthr., but in respect of the arrangement of the vomerine teeth approaches *Limnodynastes*. Habitat, Richmond River district. — 5) Diptera of Australia. Nematocera. — Supplement II. By Frederick A. A. Skuse. The present contribution includes descriptions of additional species belonging to the families Mycetophilidae, Simuliidae, and Bibionidae. Mycetophilidae: — (*Lygistorrhina*, gen. nov., 1; *Heteropterna*, Sk., 1; *Platyura*, Meig., 3; *Sciophila*, Meig., 5; *Neoempheria*, O.-Sack., 1; *Stenophragma*, gen. nov. (syn. *Homaspis*, Sk., praec.), 3; *Acrodierania*, Sk., 1; *Clastobasis*, gen. nov., 1; *Sceptonia*, Winn., 1; *Mycetophila*, Meig., 1; *Delopsis*, gen. nov., 1; *Dynatosoma*, Winn., 1; *Brachydierania*, Sk., 1; and *Synplasta*, gen. nov., 1). Simuliidae: — (*Simulium*, Latr., 1). Bibionidae: — (*Plecia*, Wied., 1; *Dilophus*, Meig., 3; and *Scatopse*, Geoff., 1). The genus *Lygistorrhina* is proposed for a remarkable species possessing a very long proboscis, a peculiar alar-venation, and exhibiting certain characteristics of *Sciara*. *Neoempheria*, *Sceptonia*, and *Dynatosoma* are recorded for the first time from Australia. Among the Bibionidae, *Plecia melanaspis*, Wied., *Plecia fulvicollis*, Fab., both originally described from Java, and *Scatopse notata*, Linn., a well-known European species, are found to occur also in Australia. Altogether, five genera and twenty-six species are described as new. — 6) Studies in Australian Entomology. No. IV. By T. G. Sloane. Seven new species, necessitating three new genera (Fam. *Carabidae*), are described. — Mr. Froggatt read a „Note on the Life-History of *Pterygophorus cinctus*, Klug“, which will appear in full in the Proceedings. Larvae of *P. cinctus* were found in April and May feeding on *Leptospermum*; unlike the larvae of *Perga*, they neither herd in social clusters during the daytime nor do they fabricate cocoons. On the contrary, they feed during the daytime, evidently sufficiently protected by their colour and their resemblance to twigs, the specimens experimented with

finally boring their way either into the cork of the jar in which they were kept, or into pieces of wood supplied to them, and therein completing their metamorphosis, the perfect insects emerging in September. — Mr. John Mitchell communicated a preliminary note recording the occurrence of some new Entomostraca of the genera *Beyrichia*, *Primitia*, and probably *Bairdia*, in the Bowning Shales. — Mr. Skuse showed examples of *Batrachomyia*, a fly which in the larval state is parasitic upon frogs; and he remarked that though he was familiar with the perfect insects when bred from frogs, these were the first specimens met with on the wing which had come under his notice; they were caught in a marshy place at Thornleigh, near Sydney. — Dr. Cox called attention to the general exactness of the time of appearance (about the 24th of October) of the Cicada in the neighbourhood of Sydney; and he asked members to note the dates in instances coming under notice during the ensuing month.

3. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Der Gesellschaft sind als Mitglieder ferner beigetreten die Herren:

Alfken, D., in Bremen,	Schulze, Fr. E., Prof. in Berlin,
Dohrn, Anton, Prof. in Neapel,	Voeltzkow, A., Dr., z. Z. in Nossi-
Möbius, Karl, Prof. in Berlin,	Bé, Madagascar,
Müller, Aug., Dr., in Berlin,	Wasmann, E., S. J., in Prag.
v. Nathusius, W., in Halle a. S.,	

Den Jahresbeitrag für 1890/1891, dessen Empfang hierdurch bescheinigt wird, haben vom 13. September bis zum 12. November an den Schriftführer eingezahlt die Herren:

Agassiz, Alfken, R. Bergh, Bertkau, Ant. Dohrn, Fraisse, C. Hartlaub, Lang, v. Marenzeller, Möbius, Aug. Müller, v. Nathusius, v. Osten-Sacken, Palacky, Radde, Schöff, Schulze, Schwalbe, Taschenberg, P. J. Van Beneden, Wachtl, Wasmann.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 30. October starb in Krakau der ordentl. Professor der Zoologie daselbst, Dr. Max Siła Nowicki, Inhab. des Ritter-Ordens der eisernen Krone III. Klasse, Mitglied der k. k. Akademie der Wissensch. in Krakau, sowie vieler Gelehrten-Gesellschaften des In- und Auslandes. Er war am 9. October 1826 in Jabłonków (Galizien) geboren, seit 1852 als Gymnasiallehrer angestellt, seit 1863 als Professor der Zoologie in Krakau. Seit 1858 sehr thätiger Entomolog, bekannt durch seine zahlreichen Arbeiten, die in deutscher und serbischer Sprache erschienen sind; verfaßte einige treffliche Monographien, z. B. der Heerwurm, die Weizenverwüsterin (*Chlorops taenipus*), das Marmelthier, die Gemse. In den letzten Decennien wandte sich seine Wirksamkeit der Fischerei-Wirthschaft zu, um deren Hebung er sich sehr namhafte Verdienste erworben hat und wofür ihm zahlreiche Auszeichnungen zu Theil wurden.

Dr. Wiercejsky.

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