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lately described by Prof. Stirling as *Notoryctes typhlops*, which was stated to be the Mole-type of the order Marsupialia. — The Secretary exhibited (on behalf of Mr. F. E. Blaauw, C.M.Z.S.) specimens of the Long-tailed Tit shot in Holland, and sent to this country for the purpose of ascertaining whether they belonged to the British form (*Acredula rosea*) or the white-headed continental form (*A. caudata*). — Mr. F. Finn exhibited a hybrid Duck bred in the Society's Gardens, believed to be bred between a male Chilian Pintail (*Dafila spinicauda*) and a female Summer-Duck (*Aex sponsa*). — A communication was read from Dr. O. F. von Möllendorff containing a revised list of the Land- and Freshwater Shells of Perak, with descriptions of some new species. — A communication was read from Dr. G. E. Dobson, F.R.S., containing a sketch of the derivation and distribution of the Mammals of the order Insectivora found in the New World. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read a report on Reptiles, Batrachians, and Fishes of which specimens had been collected for the West-Indian Exploration Committee in some of the Lesser Antilles, and deposited in the British Museum. — A communication was read from Mr. Hamilton H. Druce containing an account of the Butterflies of the family Lycaenidae obtained by Mr. C. M. Woodford in the Solomon Islands. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

April 29th, 1891.— 1) Mineralogical. — 2) and 3) Botanical. — 4) In Confirmation of the genus *Owenia*, so-called. By C. W. De Vis, M.A. The recent acquisition of the greater part of a fairly sound mandible enables the author both to characterise a second species of the genus for which the name *Owenia* was originally proposed as a slight but appropriate tribute of appreciation of the labours of the illustrious exponent of our extinct marsupials—though the author himself at the time was aware of its preoccupancy among the invertebrates, — and to maintain the validity of the genus, a matter which has been called in question. Accordingly to prevent further complications the name *Owenia* is withdrawn in favour of *Euowenia*. The paper concludes with a synopsis of the genera of the *Nototheriidae*, in the sense in which the author would prefer to use that term (to include *Nototherium*, *Diprotodon*, *Euowenia*, *Zygomaturus*, and probably *Sthenomerus*) in place of Mr. Lydekker's two families *Nototheriidae* and *Diprotodontidae*. — 5) *Onyx* and *Dipeltis*: new Nematode genera; with a Note on *Dorylaimus*. By N. A. Cobb. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff stated that he had recently had an opportunity of examining a collection of *Coccinellidae* gathered by Mr. A. M. Lea, among which he had found specimens of the lady-bird, *Vedalia cardinalis*, obtained at Mossman's Bay, near Sydney. This capture is interesting from the fact that the species has not previously been observed by our local collectors. Mr. Olliff also showed, under the microscope, specimens of larvae and females of *Phylloxera vastatrix*, the vine pest; and he remarked that, so far, he had not yet been able to find either specimens of the leaf-form of the pest, or reliable records of its having been observed in New South Wales. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited three specimens of terrestrial Nemertines (*Geonemertes* sp.) — one from the Richmond River, N.S.W. (collected by Mr. R. Helms), the others from Tasmania (collected by Mr. C. Hedley). The Tasmanian forms seem to differ in colour and pattern from the Victorian specimens re-

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corded by Dr. Dendy and Prof. Spencer, Mr. Hedley describing them while alive as »black at the oral extremity for about a quarter of an inch, the rest of the body dull white«. The New South Wales specimen may, perhaps, belong to the same species as those noted by Dendy, the colour being brownish-orange, except for a lateral band on each side. If *G. chalicophora*, Graff, like *G. palaensis*, Semper, has six eyespots, in two groups of three each, then the specimens exhibited to-night, in which more than six eyespots are present, are not to be identified with the former, which is supposed to have been brought with palms from Australia to the palmhouse at Frankfurt Zoological Gardens. — Also, a male specimen of *Peripatus Leuckarti*, Sang. (the only male out of a total of five specimens obtained on the Blue Mountains), which presents the exceptionally remarkable character of possessing a pair of papillae — the only pair present, — on the ventral surface of the *first* pair of legs. — Also, a living specimen of *Chiroleptes australis*, Gray, forwarded from Herberton, Queensland, by Mr. F. Christian. This species of frog inhabits the northern half of the continent, and has not been recorded on the east coast from further south than the Clarence River.

3. British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Sixty-First Meeting.

We beg leave to inform you that the next Meeting of the British Association will be held in Cardiff in the week commencing August 19th, under the Presidency of W. Huggins, Esq., D.C.L., L.L.D., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., and on behalf of the Local Committee, we cordially invite you to attend the Meeting and to take part in its proceedings.

All communications to be addressed to The Hon. Local Secretaries, 9, Bank Buildings, St. Mary Street, Cardiff.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 10. Januar starb in Bournemouth Henry Bowman Brady, der durch seine vorzüglichen Untersuchungen über Foraminiferen bekannte Forscher. Er war am 23. Februar 1835 in Gateshead geboren, wurde Pharmaceut in Newcastle, widmete sich aber, vom Geschäft zurückgezogen, seit 1876 nur seiner Wissenschaft.

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