

position of origin, and not repetitions of the two pincers of the claw, as was commonly believed. — Mr. Sclater made some remarks on the breeding of the Ground-Pigeons (*Geophapes*) in the Society's Gardens, and showed that the young of these Pigeons, when first hatched, were not materially different in point of development from those of the typical Pigeons, and that there was consequently no ground for separating the *Geophapes* from the order Columbæ on this account, as it had been recently proposed to do. — A letter was read from Professor R. Ramsay Wright, enclosing some photographs of the heaps of skulls of the American Bison which are collected on the plains of the Saskatchewan, and piled up at the sidings on the Canadian Pacific Railway, awaiting transport, and which testify to the enormous number of these animals recently exterminated. — Mr. W. Bateson gave a summary of his recent observations on numerical Variation in Teeth. The facts given related chiefly to specimens of *Quadrumania*, *Carnivora*, *Marsupials*, and other Orders of Mammals in the British and other Museums. The author pointed out that the ordinarily received view of homologies between Teeth is based on the hypothesis that the series is composed of members each of which is either present or absent. In the light of the facts of Variation, this hypothesis was shown to be untenable, and an attempt was made to arrive at a more just conception of the nature of the Homology of Multiple Parts. — Mr. R. Lydekker, F.Z.S., described part of an upper jaw of a Sirenian Mammal from the Tertiaries of Northern Italy, containing milk-teeth. As these teeth showed a masked Selenodont structure, it was urged that the specimen indicated the descent of the Sirenia from Selenodont Artiodactyle Ungulates. It was incidentally shown that *Halitherium veronense*, Zigno, from the same deposits, belongs to *Prorastomus*, Owen. — A communication was read from the Rev. H. S. Gorham, F.Z.S., containing descriptions of and notes on the Coleoptera collected by Mr. John Whitehead on Kina Balu, Borneo. The present communication related to the families Hispidæ, Erotylidae, Endomychidae, Lycidae, Lam-pyridæ, and others. — Another communication from the Rev. H. S. Gorham and Mr. C. J. Gahan gave an account of some of the Coleoptera collected by Mr. W. Bonny in the Aruwimi Valley, Central-Africa. — Mr. P. L. Sclater, F.R.S., read some notes on a small collection of Mammals brought by Mr. Alfred Sharpe from Nyassaland, amongst which was a flat skin of Angas's Bush-bok (*Tragelaphus angasi*), a species of Antelope not hitherto recorded to occur in this district. — Mr. Sclater also gave the description of a new Antelope from Somali-land, proposed to be called *Bubalis Swaynii*, after Capt. H. G. C. Swayne R.E., who had furnished him with the specimens on which it was based. He likewise exhibited and remarked on some other examples of Antelopes from the same country contained in Capt. Swayne's collection. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

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am 8. bis 10. Juni

im Zoologischen Institut zu Berlin

statt.

### Allgemeines Programm:

7. Juni Abends: Begrüßung im Zoologischen Garten.
8. bis 10. Juni Vorm. 9—1 Uhr: Vorträge.  
Nachm. 3—5 Uhr: Demonstrationen.
10. Juni Nachm. 5 Uhr: gemeinsames Mittagsessen im Zoologischen Garten.
11. Juni: Ausflug nach Potsdam.

Anmeldungen zu Vorträgen und Demonstrationen nimmt der unterzeichnete Schriftführer entgegen. Es ist sehr erwünscht, daß nicht nur die Belege zu noch nicht veröffentlichten Untersuchungen vorgeführt werden, sondern auch Praeparate, welche neueren Publicationen der Mitglieder zu Grunde liegen, ferner Instrumente, Apparate und andere Hilfsmittel der Forschung und des Unterrichts.

Der Schriftführer:  
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### III. Personal-Notizen.

#### Università di Genova.

Museo e laboratorio di Zoologia.

Direttore: Dott.<sup>re</sup>. Corrado Parona, Prof. ord.

Assistente: Dott.<sup>re</sup>. Felice Mazza.

Preparatore: Brancaleone Borgioli.

Inserviente: Roberto Bolzoni.

Museo e laboratorio di Anatomia comparata.

Direttore: Dott.<sup>re</sup>. Giacomo Cattaneo, Prof. ord.

Assistente: Dott.<sup>re</sup>. Maria Sacchi.

Preparatore: Policarpo Candotti.

Inserviente: Angelo Grasso.

#### Necrolog.

Am  $\frac{30. \text{ November}}{12. \text{ December}}$  1891 starb in Petersburg Professor Dr. Eduard Brandt, besonders bekannt durch seine eingehenden Untersuchungen über das Nervensystem der Insecten.

Am 7. December 1891 starb in Sydney, N. S. W., Sir William Macleay. Er war am 13. Juni 1820 in Caithness, Schottland, geboren, Sohn des bekannten Will. Sharp Macleay, und hat als tüchtiger Zoolog sich namentlich um die Fauna Australiens, wo er fast sein ganzes Leben zugebracht, große Verdienste erworben. Ganz außerordentliche Förderung fand aber besonders die Linnean Society of New South Wales, deren Gedeihen und Blühen vor Allem seiner Freigebigkeit zu verdanken ist.

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