

2. Zoological Society of London.

17th January, 1893. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of December 1892. — Mr. F. C. Selous exhibited and made remarks on the head of a hybrid Antelope between the Sassaby (*Bubalis lunata*) and Hartebeest (*B. caama*); also a head of a female Koodoo (*Strepsiceros kudu*) with horns, and heads of some other South-African Antelopes. — Mr. O. Thomas exhibited some examples (from the Baram River, Sarawak, collected by Mr. Hose) of the Monkey that he had lately described as *Semnopithecus cruciger*, and stated that, in spite of the confirmation afforded by these specimens, Mr. Hose thought that this species might possibly be only an erythrism of *S. chrysomelas*. — A communication was read from Mr. E. Y. Watson, entitled »A proposed classification of the *Hesperiidae*, with a revision of the Genera«. This contained a preliminary classification of the *Hesperiidae*, including the numerous modern genera, which were arranged under three subfamilies according to the sexual differences, the resting posture, the antennae, the spurs on the hind tibiae, and the position of vein 5 (relative to veins 4 and 6) of the fore wing. The subfamilies were named Pyrrhopyginae, Hesperinae, and Pamphilinae, and the two last were subdivided into sections without names. In all 234 generic names were dealt with, of which 49 were treated as synonyms, while 45 new genera were described. Complete diagnoses were given of all the admitted genera. — A communication was read by Mr. E. E. Austen, entitled »Descriptions of New Species of Dipterous Insects of the Family *Syrphidae*, in the Collection of the British Museum, with Notes on Species described by the late Francis Walker«. This communication contained descriptions of twenty-three new species belonging to the division *Bacchini*, and of one belonging to the *Brachyopini* (genus *Rhingia*). An attempt was made to divide the genus *Baccha*, as at present existing, into three groups, based chiefly upon the shape and markings of the abdomen. The true position of the remarkable genus *Lycastirrhyncha*, founded by Bigot on a species from Brazil, and afterwards cancelled by its author in favour of *Rhingia*, was established. It was shown that this genus had nothing to do with *Rhingia*, but was one of the *Eristalini*, closely allied to *Eristalis*. It was also shown that the genus *Lycastris*, founded by Walker for a species from India, was not identical with *Rhingia* (as had been likewise suggested by Bigot), but belonged to the *Xylotini*, and was allied to *Criorrhina*. — A communication was read from Mr. Gilbert C. Bourne, containing descriptions of two new species of Copepodous Crustaceans from Zanzibar, proposed to be called *Canthocamptus Finni* and *Cyclops africanus*. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on the typical specimen of a rare Argentine bird (*Xenopsaris albinucha*) described by the late Dr. Burmeister in 1868. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 14. Januar starb in Frankfurt a/M. Prof. Dr. F. C. Noll, der langjährige verdienstvolle Herausgeber des »Zoologischen Gartens«.

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