

and this abstract has been written in large part as a contribution towards this object.

(Schluß folgt.)

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. Zoological Society of London.

6th June, 1893. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May 1893, and called special attention to a young Water-Buck (*Cobus ellipsiprymnus*), born May 4th, 1893, being, so far as was known, the first Antelope of this species that has been bred in captivity. — Mr. Walter Rothschild, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on an egg of the Duckbill (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*), taken from the pouch of the mother; the leg-bones and egg of an extinct bird of the genus *Aepyornis* from South-west Madagascar; and series of Lepidopterous Insects from Jamaica and from the Bolivian Andes. — Mr. Sclater exhibited and made remarks on some skins and skulls of Mammals obtained in the Shiré Highlands by Mr. H. H. Johnston, Mr. B. L. Sclater, Messrs. Buchanan, and Mr. Alexander Whyte. — A communication was read from Messrs. F. E. Beddard and F. G. Parsons containing notes on the anatomy and classification of the Parrots, based on specimens lately living in the Society's Gardens. — Mr. Sclater called attention to two front horns of an African Rhinoceros belonging to Mr. F. Holmwood, which were stated to have been brought by native caravans from the district of East Africa, south of Lake Victoria Nyanza. They were remarkable for their great length and extreme thinness. — A communication was read from Mr. R. Lydekker containing an account of a collection of Bird-bones from the Miocene Deposits of St. Alban, in the Department of Isère, France. The more perfect specimens were referred mostly to new species (*Strix Sancti-albani*, *Palaeortyx maxima*, *P. grivensis*, and *Totanus Majori*), while others were regarded as undeterminable from their fragmentary condition. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read a paper describing new Species of Reptiles and Batrachians, based on specimens lately obtained in Borneo by Mr. A. Everett and Mr. C. Hose. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

### 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

May 31st, 1893. — 1) Descriptions of new Australian Lepidoptera, with additional Localities for known Species. By T. P. Lucas, M.R.C.S. — 2) Botanical. — 3) The Silurian Trilobites of New South Wales. Part II. The Genera *Prœetus* and *Cyphaspis*. By R. Etheridge, jun., and John Mitchell. — 4) Description of a new *Murex* from South Australia. By John Brazier, C.M.Z.S., F.L.S. — Mr. Brazier exhibited a specimen of the South Australian *Murex polypleurus*, n. sp., described in his paper, a species which in the past, by the late Mr. G. F. Angas and other authors, has been confused with *M. pumilus*, A. Ad., from the China Sea, and Darros Island, Amirantes. Also a fossil specimen of *M. octogonus*, Q. and G., from New Zealand. — Rev. J. Milne Curran read a note recording the presence of a fossil Buprestid beetle in an earthy limonite at Inverell, N.S.W. The insect is represented by a portion of a metallic green elytron, and it is associated with Miocene fossil leaves and a species of *Umo*. He also showed

a specimen of a Silurian fossil coral (*Heliolites*) from Molong, N.S.W., in a beautiful state of preservation. — Mr. Trebeck showed a specimen of a large freshwater prawn (*Palaemon ornatus*, Oliv.) from the Rewa River, Fiji. — Mr. C. T. Musson sent for exhibition specimens of a European slug, *Arion hortensis*, Müll., from New Zealand, where it is now not uncommon, though not yet recorded from Australia. Also, from the Kurrajong, N.S.W., specimens of the peculiar slug *Cystopelta Petherdi*, Tate.

### 3. Congrès International de Zoologie.

Le Comité permanent vient de se constituer ainsi qu'il suit :

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| Président :          | M. Milne-Edwards (Paris).         |
| Vice-présidents :    | { M. Jentink (Leide).             |
|                      | { M. le comte Kapnist (Moscou).   |
|                      | { M. Th. Studer (Berne).          |
|                      | { M. L. Vaillant (Paris).         |
| Secrétaire général : | M. R. Blanchard (Paris).          |
| Secrétaire :         | M. le baron J. de Guerne (Paris). |

Le Comité permanent met au concours la question suivante pour le prix de S. A. I. le Tsarévitch, qui sera décerné en 1895, au Congrès de Leide :

Étude de la faune d'une des grandes régions du globe et relations de cette faune avec les faunes voisines.

Le jury acceptera des travaux portant soit sur un Embranchement, soit sur une Classe du Règne animal.

Les travaux, manuscrits ou imprimés depuis le dernier Congrès, devront être écrits en français et envoyés avant le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 1895 à M. le Président du Comité permanent, au siège de la Société Zoologique de France, 7, rue des Grands-Augustins, à Paris.

Les mémoires présentés seront soumis à l'examen d'une Commission ainsi constituée :

MM. Milne-Edwards (Paris), Président, R. Blanchard (Paris), Secrétaire général, A. Bogdanov (Moscou), Jentink (Leide), R. B. Sharpe (Londres), Th. Studer (Berne) et N. Zograf (Moscou).

## III. Personal-Notizen.

### Necrolog.

Am 30. Juni starb in Zürich Fritz Rühl, Herausgeber der Zeitschrift »Societas entomologica«, nachdem von seinem auf etwa 75 Lieferungen veranschlagten Werke »Die paläarktischen Großschmetterlinge fünf Lieferungen erschienen sind.

Am 13. Juli starb in Straßburg i./E. Professor Justus Carrière nach kurzem Krankenlager an Diphtheritis.

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