

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 *Præetus* 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

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