

*Stumpffi* Bttgr. vertreten auf Nossibé die ostmadagassischen Arten *Ch. pardalis* Cuv., *Ch. nasutus* D. B. und *Br. supercilharis* (Kuhl). Außerdem besitzt Nossibé von Chamaeleontiden nur noch zwei Arten, *Br. Ebenau* und *minima* Bttgr., beide der Insel eigenthümlich. Trotz der nahen Küstenlage von Nossibé behauptet also selbst dessen Wirbelthierfauna einen hohen Grad von Selbständigkeit, da nur eine von fünf Arten beiden Inseln gemeinsam zu sein scheint.

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. The Zoological Society of London.

The 65th Anniversary Meeting of this Society was held Monday, April 30th, at their Offices, 3, Hanover Square, W. The Chair was taken at 4 p. m. by the President, Sir William H. Flower, K.C.B., F.R.S., who was supported by many Members of the Council and other Fellows of the Society.

After the Auditors Report had been read and other preliminary business had been transacted the Report of the Council on the proceedings of the Society during the year 1893 was read by Mr. P. L. Slater, F.R.S. the Secretary. It stated that the number of Fellows on the 1st of January 1894 was 2985 and that the number of Fellows elected in 1893 was 155, being considerably above the average of the ten preceding years. Since the last Anniversary one Honorary, 2 Foreign and 8 Corresponding Members had been elected to fill vacancies, and the Silver-medal of the Society had been awarded to Mr. G. S. Mackenzie, F.Z.S. for the introduction of the Waterbuck Antelope. The total receipts of the Society for 1893 had amounted to £ 26 217. 7. 5, being £ 1340. 3. 7 more than those for 1892, the increase being mainly due to the larger receipts from admission to the Gardens. The ordinary expenditure for 1893 had been £ 24 826. 10. 4, being £ 1495. 8. 8 in excess of the expenditure of the previous year. Owing chiefly to the increased price of hay & straw and the large increase in the amount of water consumed during a hot and dry summer, the expenditure under the heads of Provisions and Menagerie for the past year had exceeded the amount expended under those heads in 1892 by upwards of £ 500. The purchase of the young Hippopotamus for £ 500 had also helped to bring about an increase of nearly £ 400 under the head of »Cost of Animals«. There had also been an increase under the head of Publications of £ 540 caused by the issue of a rather bulky volume of »Proceedings«, illustrated by an unusual number of coloured Plates, and by the publication of three parts of the Society's Quarto »Transactions«. Besides the ordinary expenditure above mentioned an extraordinary expenditure of £ 451. 11. 1 had been incurred upon special objects, which had brought the total expenditure of the year to £ 25 278. 1. 5. The balance brought forward from 1892 was £ 1113. 5. 0, which added to the Income received in 1893 gave a total sum of £ 27 330. 12. 5 available for expenditure. Besides the expenditure mentioned above the sum of £ 1000 had been devoted towards the re-payment of the Mortgage debt on the Society's Freehold premises, leaving the sum of £ 2000 only now remaining due

on this account. After these payments had been met, a balance of £ 1052. 11. 0 had been carried forward to the credit of the present year. The usual scientific Meetings had been held during the year 1893 and a large number of valuable communications had been received upon every branch of Zoology. These had been published in the annual volume of »Proceedings« which contained 812 pages illustrated by 64 plates. Besides this, parts 5, 6 and 7 of the 13th Volume of the Society's Quarto »Transactions« had been published in 1893. Part 8 of the same volume had been issued since the commencement of the present year; the 29th Volume of the Zoological Record (which contains a summary of the work done by Zoologists all over the world in 1892), edited by Dr. David Sharp, F.R.S., had been published and issued to subscribers early in October last, being several months before the usual date of publication. The Library containing upwards of 20 000 Volumes had been kept in good working order during the past year and had been much frequented by working Zoologists. A large number of accessions both by gift and purchase had been received and incorporated. No new buildings of importance had been erected in the Gardens during the year 1893, but the Society's Staff of workman had been kept busily engaged on various repairs and renewals throughout the year.

The Staff at the Gardens remained nearly the same as at the last Anniversary and consisted altogether of about 100 persons. The number of visitors to the Gardens in 1893 had been 662 649, the corresponding number in 1892 having been 605 718. The increase of 56 931 entrances must be attributed mainly to the favourable weather that prevailed throughout the summer. The number of animals in the Society's Collection on the 31st of December last was 2522, of which 708 were mammals, 1460 birds and 356 reptiles. Amongst the additions made during the past year 12 were specially commented upon as of remarkable interest and in most cases representing species new to the Society's Collection. Amongst these were a female Waterbuck, born in the Menagerie, 4 South-island Robins from New Zealand (exhibited for the first time), a fine specimen of the Great Grebe of South America and a Cunning Bassaris. About 29 species of Mammals, 15 of Birds, 3 of Reptiles and Batrachians had bred in the Society's Gardens during the summer of 1893. The report concluded with a long list of the Donors and their various donations to the Menagerie during the past year. A note of thanks to the Council for their Report was then moved by W. H. Hudleston Esq. J.R.S. seconded by Sir Albert Rollet, M.P. and carried unanimously.

The reported having been adopted the Meeting then proceeded to elect the new Members of Council and the Officers for the ensuing year. The usual ballot having been taken it was announced that Dr. John Anderson, F.R.S. Herbert Druce, Esq., F.L.S., Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I., F.R.S., Major Henry P. St. John Mildmay, Professor Alfred Newton, F.R.S., had been elected into the Council in the place of the retiring Members, and that Sir William H. Flower, K.C.B., F.R.S. had been re-elected President, Charles Drummond, Esq. Treasurer, and Philip Lutley Sclater, Esq. M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., Secretary to the Society for the ensuing year. The Meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman which was proposed by Lord Monk-Bretton, seconded by Dr. Henry Woodward, F.R.S., and carried unanimously.

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