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Der am 2. April d. J. zu Zürich verstorbene Privatdocent Herr Dr. Karl Alfred Fiedler hat in seinen letzten Wünschen der Deutschen Zoologischen Gesellschaft

ein Legat von hundert Franken

bestimmt. Dasselbe durch den Vater des Dahingegangenen, Herrn Dr. Wilhelm Fiedler, Professor am Eidgenössischen Polytechnicum zu Zürich, empfangen zu haben, bescheinigt hierdurch mit verbindlichstem Danke

1. Mai 1894.

der Schriftführer:
Prof. J. W. Spengel.

Als Mitglieder sind der Gesellschaft beigetreten: Herr Dr. W. Giesbrecht in Neapel; Herr Ch. Wardell Stiles, Washington, D. C.

2. Zoological Society of London.

1st May, 1894. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April 1894, and called special attention to a valuable collection of Mammals presented to the Society by Dr. J. Anderson, F.R.S., being part of the proceeds of his recent expedition to Egypt. — Dr. Günther, F.R.S., exhibited and made remarks on specimens of a South-African Hornbill (*Buceros melanoleucus*) and of a portion of the tree in which the nest was placed, and spoke of its mode of nesting and of its extraordinary habits during that season. The specimens had been transmitted to the British Museum by Dr. Schönland, of Grahams-town. — Dr. H. E. Sauvage exhibited a vertebra of the earliest known Snake from the gault of Portugal. — Mr. W. Bateson exhibited a large number of specimens of *Gonioctena variabilis*, a Phytophagous Beetle from Spain, in illustration of discontinuous variation in colour. — Prof. F. Jeffrey Bell gave an account of the Echinoderms collected during the voyage of H.M.S. »Penguin« and by H.M.S. »Egeria«, when surveying Macclesfield Bank. The collection, which had been made by Mr. P. W. Bassett Smith, Surgeon, R.N., with the cooperation of Mr. J. J. Walker, Chief Engineer, was very extensive and contained examples of many new species, some of which were of a very remarkable character. — Mr. Ernest W. Holt, Naturalist to the Marine Biological Association, gave an account of the results of his recent studies in teleostean morphology made at the Marine Laboratory at Cleethorpe. Mr. Holt spoke first of some specimens of the Birkeläuge (*Molva abyssorum*, Nilsson). The regular occurrence of this fish off the Faroë Islands and its occasional capture on the coast of Iceland were now recorded for the first time, the species having been previously observed only

on the Scandinavian coasts. The specimens, six in number, all of considerable size, were described in detail, and the species was carefully compared with the allied form *M. vulgaris* (the Common Ling). Mr. Holt next proceeded to describe the »*recessus orbitalis*«, an accessory visual organ of the Pleuronectid Fishes. The organ in question was stated to be a highly elastic saccular process of the membranous wall of the orbital cavity. It had been found to occur in all the Flat-fishes examined, viz. the Halibut, Long Rough Dab, Brill, Plaice, Flounder, Lemon-Sole, Dab, and Common Sole, and was believed to occur in all Flat-fishes with well-developed eyes. Finally, Mr. Holt spoke of an adult specimen of the Common Sole with symmetrical eyes, and discussed the bearing of this specimen on ambicoloration. The specimen in question, about 15 inches long, was perfectly normal in external configuration, except that the left eye had retained its position on the left side of the head, and was nearly opposite to the right eye. Antero-ventrally it had been somewhat overgrown by the skin. The coloration was normal, the right side being brown, and the left side white. — A communication was read from Mr. St. George Littledale, containing field-notes on the Wild Camel of Lob Nor. as observed during his recent journey across Central Asia. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas gave on account of a collection of mammals from Oman, S.E. Arabia, which had been transmitted to the British Museum by Dr. A. S. G. Jayakar, C.M.Z.S., among which were examples of a new Hare (*Lepus omanensis*) and of a new Goat of the genus *Hemitragus*, proposed to be called *Jayakari*, after its discoverer. Altogether 17 species were represented in this collection, from a locality of which very little was previously known. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Nachdem Herr Dr. N. von Adelung zum Assistenten am Naturhistorischen Museum in Genf ernannt worden ist, ist seine Adresse von Anfang dieses Monats:

Mr. Nicolas d' Adelung, Genève, Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle.

Berichtigung.

Wegen verspäteten Eingangs der Correctur konnten in dem Aufsätze in No. 446, p. 155: »Über einige Novitäten der herpetologischen Sammlung etc. von Dr. F. Werner« folgende Änderungen nicht mehr ausgeführt werden:

- p. 155, Z. 13 von unten (anstatt die kürzere) zu lesen: »die längere Schnauze (etwa $1\frac{3}{4}$ Augendurchmesser)«.
- p. 155, Z. 2 von unten statt weiß lies: »hellgrau«, ferner: unten »röthlich« hellgrau etc.
- p. 156, Z. 11 von oben lies: Temporalgegend »und Oberarmstreifen« dunkel rothbraun.
- p. 156, Z. 15 von unten lies: Interorbitalraum »von der Breite« eines oberen Augenlides.
- p. 156, Z. 9 von unten zu *Bufo molitor* hinzuzufügen »Tschudie«.
- p. 156, Z. 8 von unten lies: den »viel« schmälern.
- p. 156, Z. 3 von unten hinzuzufügen: »Warzen der Oberseite klein, rund, an der inneren Hand- und Fußfläche conisch«.

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