

and white *Colobus*, which he could not identify, and of at least two other species, probably a *Cercopithecus* and a Baboon. Some small Mice brought home had not yet been identified. Leopards were numerous, and Lions were also common on the lower grounds. Two species of Sunbird were brought back, one of which ascends to 11 000 feet on Ruwenzori. Mr. Scott Elliot concluded by remarking that the general idea of distribution gathered from the flora seemed to confirm such data as he could gather from the fauna of the country which he traversed during his journey. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.R.S., and Mr. P. Chalmers Mitchell, F.Z.S., made a communication on the structure of the heart in the Alligator, as observed in specimens that had died in the Society's Menagerie. — Mr. Chalmers Mitchell, M.A., F.Z.S., described the anatomy of the Crested Screamer (*Chauna chavaria*), pointing out some resemblances between the alimentary canal of that bird and the Ostrich, and giving a detailed comparison of the structures of *Chauna chavaria* and *Palamedea cornuta*. — A communication was read from Dr. Percy Rendall, F.Z.S., containing field-notes on the Antelopes of the Transvaal. — Dr. Mivart, F.R.S., read a paper on the skeleton of *Lorius flavopalliatu*s as compared with that of *Psittacus erithacus*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Malacological Society of London.

Friday, May 10th. — Prof. G. B. Howes, President, in the Chair. On behalf of Miss de Burgh were shewn specimens illustrating the variation of *Columbella mercatoria*, Lin. Mr. Da Costa exhibited a collection of univalve Mollusca from Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria Nyanza and pointed out the entirely different characters of their molluscan inhabitants. On behalf of Mr. C. S. Cox were exhibited living specimens of *Glandina* from Italy. Mr. E. R. Sykes showed specimens of *Achatinella* from the Island of Lanai illustrating their variation. The following communications were read: 1) Notes on *Trochonamina* and other genera of the Land Mollusca with reference to the animals of *Martensia mozambicensis* Pfr., and other species, by Lt.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen. 2) Report on the land and freshwater shells collected by Mr. H. H. Smith at St. Vincent, W.I., by E. A. Smith. 3) Note on the larval Oyster, by M. F. Woodward. — E. R. Sykes, Hon. Secr.

## III. Personal-Notizen.

### Necrolog.

Am 15. April starb in New Haven Professor James Dwight Dana, Verfasser der beiden berühmten Bearbeitungen der Zoophyten und der Crustaceen der Wilkes'schen Exploring Expedition, und anderer Werke. Er war am 12. Februar 1813 in Utica, N. Y., geboren. Seit 1846 war er Mitherausgeber des American Journal of Science, an dessen Spitze sein Schwiegervater, Prof. B. Silliman, stand.

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