

It never sleeps in hollow trees, but it will, when raised, sometimes take its refuge to a tree.

Native Name »Wogoit«.

Christiania, 15. October 1895.

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

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

September 25th, 1895. — 1) Notes on Cicadas. By W. W. Froggatt. An account of the visitation of 1894—1895 in the neighbourhood of Sydney is given, with the dates of the appearance of the following common species: — *Thopha saccata*, Amyot, *Cyclochila australasiae*, Amyot, *Macrouistria angularis*, Germ., *Psaltoda moerens*, Germ., *P. flavescens*, Dist., *Melampsalta melanopygia*, Germ., *M. encaustica*, Germ., and three species undetermined. — 2) Description of a Tree Creeper presumably new. By C. W. De Vis, M.A., Corresponding Member. *Climacteris animosa*, n. sp. Several examples were obtained in clearings in the Mulga Scrubs, at Charleville, in November. The male differs from *C. leucophoea* in the absence of guttural markings, and in the unusually pronounced character of the stripes on the lower surface: from *C. melanota* in the colouring of the upper surface and the want of guttural stripes. The female most resembles that of *C. erythropros*, but the male differs from the corresponding sex of that species in the colour of the supraclavary stripe and the absence of the buff pectoral band. — 3) On the Dates of Publication of the early Volumes of the Society's Proceedings. By J. J. Fletcher. The first twenty-eight Parts of the Proceedings. Vol. I—VII. were issued undated. As questions of priority of descriptions arise from time to time, it has become desirable that the dates should, if possible, be ascertained. The Society's official records up to September, 1882, having been destroyed by fire, the list of dates now furnished is based upon data kindly supplied by the librarians of some of the Sydney libraries, or by one of the publishers. — Mr. Steel showed a Gecko (*Gehyra vorax*, Gir.) from the Rewa River, Fiji. He also remarked that the animal when alive is extremely flaccid, as if it had no bones; it is also apparently to some extent vegetarian in its diet, portions of leaves of the sugar cane as well as of an undetermined plant having been found in the stomach of a specimen dissected. — Mr. Fletcher showed some English humble bees, the defunct portion of a consignment from New Zealand recently brought over by the Department of Agriculture in the hope of the successful acclimatisation of the insects. Of the remainder some were liberated in the Botanic Gardens, and some in the Society's garden. As the bees were set free just after the first of the recent rains, they should have a fair chance of doing well; and any information about their subsequent movements and operations would be welcome.

## III. Personal-Notizen.

### Necrolog.

Am 25. November starb in Basel Professor Dr. Ludwig Rüttimeyer im 71. Lebensjahre.

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