

The autoderms are prickly tetracts and autogastrals, hexacts similarly prickly.

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## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. Zoological Society of London.

April 29, 1896. — The sixty-seventh Anniversary Meeting of this Society was held yesterday at their Offices No. 3. Hanover Square. W. The Chair was taken at 4 pm by the President, Sir William H. Flower, K.C.B., F.R.S., who was supported by Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bt., F.R.S., Dr. Edward Hamilton, The Rt. Hon. George Benman, P.C., Sir Hugh Low, G.C.M.G., Lt. Col. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., Dr. St. George Mivart, F.R.S., Prof. Howes, Herbert Druce, Esq., Joseph Travers Smith, Esq. 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 1895 was read by Mr. P. L. Sclater, F.R.S. the Secretary. — It stated that the number of Fellows on the 1st of January 1896 was 3027, showing a net increase of 55 Members during the year. The number of new Fellows that joined the Society in 1895 was 197, which was the largest number of elections that had taken place in any year since 1877. — Since the last Anniversary 2 Foreign Members and 7 Corresponding Members had been elected to fill vacancies in those respective lists. — The total receipts of the Society for 1895 had amounted to £ 26.958.9.1, shewing an increase of £ 1851.8.6 as compared with the previous year. This increase was attributable to the prevalence of fine weather during the summer and autumn of 1895 and also to the acquisition of a Giraffe and several other specially interesting additions to the Society's Menagerie. — The ordinary expenditure in 1895 had amounted to £ 23.460.16.10 being £ 155.6.9 less than that of the previous year. Besides this a sum of £ 1649.19.1 had been charged to Extraordinary expenditure. Of this sum £ 1149.19.1 had been devoted to the new scheme of drainage for the Society's Gardens, and £ 500 to the special acquisition of a Giraffe for the Menagerie. Besides this expenditure the sum of £ 1000 had been devoted to paying off the last remaining portion of the Mortgage debt on the Society's Freehold premises, which were now valued at £ 25.000 and were absolutely free and unencumbered. — A second sum of £ 1000 had been transferred to a deposit account. After these payments a balance of £ 1391.1.2 had been carried forward to the credit of the present year. The usual Scientific Meetings had been held during the year 1895, 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 1059 pages illustrated by 56 plates. Besides this parts 10 and 11 forming the conclusion of the 13th volume of the Society's Quarto »Transactions« had been published in 1895. — The 31st Volume of the Zoological Record (containing a summary of the work done by Zoologists all over the World in 1894) edited by Dr. David Sharp, F.R.S., had been published and issued to subscribers in November last. A new edition of the list of animals in the Society's collection of which the last (the 8th) was published in 1883, had been prepared under the direction of the

Secretary. It would contain a list of all the specimens of vertebrated animals that had been received by the Society during the past 12 years. This volume was now going through the press, and would, it was hoped, be ready for issue before the close of the present year. 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 Zoologist. A large number of accessions both by gift and purchase had been received and incorporated. — The number of visitors to the Gardens in 1895 had been 665 326 which was greater than it had been in any year during the past 10 years. The corresponding number in 1894 had been 625 538. — The number of animals in the Society's Collection on the 31st December last was 2369 of which 768 were Mammals, 1267 Birds and 334 Reptiles. Amongst the additions made during the past year 12 were specially commented upon as of remarkable interest, and in most cases new to the Society's Collection: Amongst these were a male Lion from Somali-land presented by Her Majesty, The Queen, a female South African Giraffe, a pair of Brindled Gnus, a pair of Sable Antelopes, a Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo, a male Panolia Deer from Southern China; an Alexandra Parrakeet from the interior of Australia; a Frilled Lizard from Western Australia, a Martial Hawk Eagle (from British East Africa) and 2 examples of Forster's Lorrikeet. — About 23 species of Mammals, 22 of Birds and 1 of Reptiles had bred in the Society's Gardens during the summer of 1895. 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. Percy Sladen, Esq., seconded by Prof. W. J. R. Weldon, F.R.S., and carried unanimously. — The report having been adopted the Meeting 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 Genl. The Hon. Sir Percy Feilding, K.C.B., Prof. Alfred Newton, F.R.S., Sir Thomas Paine, E. Lort Phillips, Esq., and The Lord Walsingham, 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 Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bt. F.R.S., seconded by Col. Hill. James, and carried unanimously. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

March 25th, 1896. — The following papers were read: — 1) A Contribution to the Structure and Relations of the Organ of Jacobson in the Horse. By R. Broom, M.D., B.Sc. Owing to the duct of Jacobson's Organ opening into the nasal cavity in the Horse and not into the mouth by the naso-palatine canal as in the Sheep, Dog, and most higher mammals, Herzfeld regards it as forming a distinct type. A study of the foetal condition shows that the organ is in all details constructed on the normal type, and that the peculiarity is due to the palatine end of the naso-palatine canal becoming occluded, necessitating the passing of the secretion of the duct back into the nose by the upper part of the canal. — 2) Descriptions of

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