

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### Zoological Society of London.

2nd June, 1896. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May, and called particular attention to a Red-naped Fruit-Bat (*Pteropus funereus*), from Australia, acquired by purchase and new to the Society's list; to four examples of a Tortoise belonging to the group of Gigantic Tortoises (apparently *Testudo Daudini*) from the Aldabra Islands, deposited by the Hon. Walter Rothschild, F.Z.S.; and to two Rüppell's Vultures (*Gyps Rueppelli*) from Egypt, received in exchange from the Zoological Gardens, Cairo. — Mr. Sclater exhibited the skin of an African Monkey of the genus *Cerco-pithecus*, originally received alive from Mombasa, which he believed to be referable to Stairs's Monkey (*C. Stairsi*). — Mr. Sclater also exhibited a series of water-colour drawings of African Antelopes by Mr. Caldwell, and a photograph of the Gorilla now living in the Society's Gardens, by Mr. Henry Scherren, F.Z.S. — A communication was read from Mr. Henry J. Elwes, F.Z.S., and Mr. Edwards, containing a revision of the European and Asiatic Butterflies of the Family Hesperiidæ. The species treated of in this paper were about 450 in number and were divided into about 100 genera. — Mr. Charles Davies Sherborn, F.Z.S., gave an explanation of the plan he had adopted in preparing his »Index Generum et Specierum Animalium«. Mr. Sherborn stated that the absence of any reliable lists of the species of particular genera had led him to commence the compilation of an »Index Generum et Specierum Animalium« in 1890. Since that time 130,000 generic and specific names had been recorded in a manuscript which was stored at the British Museum (Natural History). Mr. Sherborn explained in detail the method and plan adopted for the compilation of the work. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S., read a paper on the dentition of Snakes, and added remarks on the evolution of the poison-fangs in this order of Reptiles. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## III. Personal-Notizen.

Moskau. An Stelle des verstorbenen Professors Bogdanow ist Prof. ord. A. A. Tichomirow zum Director des zoologischen Museums der Universität ernannt worden.

### Necrolog.

Am 14. Juni ertrank beim Baden bei Dover Dr. Henry Bargman Pol-lard. Er war 1869 geboren, hatte in Oxford studiert, in Freiburg i. Br. und in Neapel selbständig zu untersuchen begonnen und mehrere tüchtige Arbeiten geliefert.

Am 17. Juni starb auf seiner Besitzung Lilford Hall bei Oundle in Northamptonshire Thomas Lytton Po wys, vierter Lord Lilford, 63 Jahre alt. Er war Präsident der British Ornithologists' Union und als ausgezeichnete Ornitholog bekannt.

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