

3. Berichtigung.

(Zu dem Aufsatz in No. 520, p. 526.)

Von Oswald Kieschnick in Jena.

p. 527. Genus *Stelletta* O. Schmidt, emend. »Kieselschwämme mit triänen und amphioxen Megascleren und mit streng radiären Ästen, zu denen sich selten Rhabdodragme gesellen. Mit kleinen kugligen Geißelkammern und meist einer Rinde (R. von Lendenfeld, F. E. Schulze). Microrhabde können eine mehr oder weniger dichte Schicht der Oberfläche bilden«.

p. 533. Anstatt »*Tricanophora* Ridley und *Tricanophora incrustans* n. sp.« muß es heißen »*Thricanophora* und *Thricanophora incrustans* n. sp.«

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

15th December, 1896.—The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of November 1896.—Mr. Slafer exhibited two bound volumes of original drawings by Joseph Wolf and Waterhouse Hawkins, belonging to the Knowsley Library, which had been kindly lent to him for examination by the Earl of Derby. They represented various animals that had been living in the Knowsley Menagerie, 1844—48.—Mr. W. Bateson exhibited and made remarks on some Pigeons with very well-marked webs between the toes.—Prof. Newton sent for exhibition the type-specimen of *Heterorhynchus olivaceus* of Lafresnaye, kindly entrusted to him by Prof. Hyatt, Curator of the Museum of the Boston Natural History Society. This extinct species, now referred to *Hemignathus lucidus* of Lichtenstein, was peculiar to Oahu, one of the Sandwich Islands, and the present appeared to be the only full-plumaged male specimen ever seen in this country.—Dr. G. Herbert Fowler read a paper entitled "Contributions to our Knowledge of the Plankton of the Faeroe Channel," which contained an account of the first results arrived at from his examination of the marine fauna of this channel during a voyage in it, in July and August last, in H.M.S. 'Research' (Capt. Moore).—The Secretary read a paper by Mr. Oldfield Thomas, entitled "On the Genera of Rodents, being an attempt to bring up to date the current arrangement of the Order." Taking as a basis Alston's paper on the Rodents, published in 1876, the main object of the present communication was to place in their proper positions the many genera described since that author's time. In regard to the larger groups, Alston's arrangement had been followed as far as possible: but among other things it had been thought better to elevate the subfamily Bathyerginae into a family, to make two families of the Hystriidae, one for the Old-World and one for the New-World Porcupines, and to give to the subfamilies Geomyinae and Heteromyinae full family rank. All the recent genera of the order were enumerated, to the number of 158, as compared with 100 in Alston's list.—Dr. J. W. Gregory gave a description of *Lysechinus*, a new genus of Plesiocidarids from the Tyrolese

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