

and fore limb of 83 individuals. — A communication was read from Mr. C. S. T o m e s , F.R.S., on the minute structure of the teeth of *Notoryctes*. An examination of its dentition had confirmed the view previously arrived at by other naturalists that this animal has affinities with the *Dasyuridae* and *Didelphidae*. — A communication was read from Mr. R. Lydekker, F.R.S., entitled „The Blue Bear of Tibet, with Notes on the Members of the *Ursus arctus* Group.“ The author described a mounted specimen in the British Museum which he identified with the *Ursus pruinus* of Blyth. He also made a survey of the other members of the *U. arctus* group, and came to the conclusion that, with the exception of the extinct *U. spelaeus*, they should all be regarded as subspecies rather than species. As they are all structurally similar, they seem, in his opinion, to be merely local varieties and colour-phases of what is essentially one animal. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S., gave an account of the Freshwater Fishes collected in Celebes by Drs. P. and F. Sarasin. The specimens obtained were referred to 14 species, of which 4 were described as new, one of them forming the type of a new genus of *Atherinidae*, proposed to be named *Telmatherina*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Prag. An Stelle des Prof. B. Hatschek ist Prof. R. von Lendenfeld in Czernowitz als Professor der Zoologie nach Prag berufen worden und wird Ostern dahin übersiedeln.

Meinen zoologischen Freunden die Nachricht, daß ich mit dem April-Dampfer von hier zurückkomme, daß mich also Briefe nicht mehr erreichen.
Rahlun, Bismarck-Archipel, Febr. 1897. Prof. Dr. Fr. Dahl.

Necrolog.

Am 1. Januar starb auf Helgoland Heinrich Gätke, der rühmlichst bekannte Ornitholog. Er war am 19. Mai 1813 geboren.

Am 9. Januar starb in Rotterdam A. A. van Bemmelen, der Director des dortigen zoologischen Gartens.

Am 4. Februar starb in Jacksonville, Florida, Major Charles E. Bendire, bekannt durch seine vortrefflichen »Life Histories of American Birds«. Er war am 27. April 1836 in Darmstadt geboren und 1852 nach Amerika gekommen.

Am 12. April starb in Philadelphia Edward Drinker Cope, der vortreffliche Zoolog und Paläontolog, im 57. Jahre seines Lebens.



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