

3. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

March 31st, 1897. — 1) Descriptions of new Australian Lepidoptera, with Notes on Synonymy. By Oswald B. Lower, F.E.S. Twenty-six species referable to the sections Bombycina, Geometrina, Noctuina, Pyralidina and Tineina, are described as new. — 2) Studies in Australian Entomology, No. viii. Descriptions of two new Tiger-beetles. By T. G. Sloane. A new species of *Megacephala* from West Australia and of *Tetracha* from Barrow Creek, Northern Territory of S.A., are described. — 3) Botanical. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited two moths (*Chrysiphona occultans*, Don.) bred from caterpillars forwarded by Mr. A. Simson of Launceston, because of their striking resemblance to the leaves of the sprouting shoots of *Eucalyptus amygdalina*, on which they were found to be feeding. — Also, for Mr. C. T. Musson, a specimen of a day-flying moth (*Agarista Macleayi*), one of a number whose stridulating powers attracted attention on the 9th Nov., at the Kurrajong Heights. Though known to Mr. Masters as a sound-producer, there would appear to be no previous recorder of it in this capacity, nor is it included among the stridulating species of Australian lepidoptera mentioned by Messrs. H. Edwards, H. Tryon and G. F. Hampson. Also specimens of a beetle (*Rhopaea soror* or an allied species) which appeared in prodigious numbers in the paddocks of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College at Richmond, during the last two or three weeks of November. At night time they were distinctly audible at some distance. Large numbers came into the houses, attracted by the light. With them were associated a few specimens of *Anoplognathus*. Many of the specimens of *Rhopaea* were noticed to be infested with a spider mite, doubtless a species of *Gamasus*. Mr. Trebeck exhibited a specimen of a fish, *Solenognathus spinosissimus*, from Middle Harbour.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Wien. An Stelle des Prof. C. Claus, welcher seine Stellung niedergelegt hat, ist Prof. B. Hatschek aus Prag nach Wien berufen worden.

Prof. Dr. Carl Berg, Director des Museo Nacional in Buenos Aires, befindet sich auf einer Reise nach Europa und ersucht seine Correspondenten, ihm etwaige Briefe oder sonstige Mittheilungen bis Anfang October d. J. an die Buchhandlung des Herrn A. Frederking, Neuerwall 46, Hamburg, zu adressieren.

Necrolog.

Am 26. März 1896 starb in Jokohama Herr Bernhard Schmacker im 44. Lebensjahr, vortrefflicher Malakozoolog.

Am 15. Januar starb in Wien Alois Friedrich Rogenhofer, der bekannte Lepidopterolog.

Am 25. April starb in Lowestoft Sir Edward Newton, 64 Jahre alt, Ornitholog (wie sein jüngerer Bruder Alfred).

Am 7. Mai starb in London Abraham Dee Bartlett, geboren 1812, der als ‚Superintendent of the Zoological Gardens‘ sich reiche Verdienste um die Blüthe des Gartens erworben hat und als trefflicher Beobachter und Biolog geschätzt war.

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