

comprimés et éviscérés, d'*H. Polii* et j'avais dû accepter, sans pouvoir les vérifier, les assertions de Lampert et de Ludwig. Depuis lors, j'ai profité de différents séjours au bord de la Méditerranée pour recueillir de nombreux échantillons d'*H. Polii* et j'ai pu m'assurer que cette espèce, pas plus que l'*H. tubulosa* à laquelle elle est fréquemment associée, ne possédait d'organe de Cuvier.

Lyon-Monplaisir, 24. Novembre 1897.

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

16th November 1897.—The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the months of June, July, August, September, and October 1897.—The Secretary read some notes, made by Mr. A. Thomson, Head-Keeper, on the breeding of two species of Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis guarauna* and *P. falcinellus*) in the Society's Gardens, and made remarks on the differences in their plumages. The Secretary also exhibited an egg of the Brazilian Cariama (*Cariama cristata*), laid in the Society's Gardens, and read some notes made by Mr. A. Thomson, Head-Keeper, on the breeding of this bird.—Mr. Sclater gave an account of some of the more interesting animals observed by him during a recent visit to the Zoological Gardens of Cologne, St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Berlin.—A note was read from Messrs. Oldfield Thomas and R. Lydekker, stating that during the preparation of their paper on the dentition of the Manatee, published in the last part of the 'Proceedings', an important memoir by Dr. C. Hartlaub on the subject, in which some of their conclusions had been anticipated, had been overlooked.—Mr. R. Lydekker, F.R.S., exhibited a skin of the Blue Bear of Tibet (*Ursus pruinosus*), described and figured in the Society's 'Proceedings' (P.Z.S. 1897, p. 412, pl. xxvii.), and a sketch of the Altai Deer (*Cervus eustephanus*) taken from a specimen in the menagerie of the Duke of Bedford at Woburn Abbey.—A communication by Mr. George P. Mudge, "On the Myology of the Tongue of Parrots", was read by the author. Specimens of six different species of the *Psittacidae* had been examined, and a detailed description of the muscles of each of them was given in this paper.—A communication from Mr. E. T. Browne, F.Z.S., "On British Medusae," was read. It was a continuation of a previous paper, entitled "On British Hydroids and Medusae," published in the 'Proceedings' for 1896. Eight species were treated of at length.—Dr. A. G. Butler enumerated the species (138 in number) contained in three consignments of Butterflies collected in Natal in 1896 and 1897 by Mr. Guy A. K. Marshall, F.Z.S., and gave the dates of the capture of the specimens, the localities where they were found, and other interesting notes concerning them. One new genus (*Chrysoritis*) and one new species (*Cacyreus Marshalli*) were described.—A communication from Mr. Edgar R. Waite, of the Australian Museum, Sydney, "On the Sydney Bush-Rat (*Mus arboricola*, W. S. Macleay)," was read. It treated of the habits of the animal in a wild state and of its anatomical characters.—A third portion of a paper on the Spiders of the Island of St. Vincent, by Mons. E. Simon, was commu-

nicated by Dr. D. Sharpe, F.R.S., on behalf of the Committee for investigating the Fauna and Flora of the West Indian Islands. Of the species enumerated 46 were described as new, which included three new genera, viz. *Mysmenopsis*, *Homalometa*, and *Mesobria*. — Prof. Alfred Newton, F.R.S., exhibited some specimens of new or rare birds' eggs, and read some notes upon them. Amongst these were the first properly authenticated examples of the eggs of the Curlew-Sandpiper (*Tringa subarquata*) obtained by Mr. Popham on an island in the mouth of the Jenisei River in July last. Other eggs exhibited were those of *Turdus varius*, *Chasiempis sandvicensis*, *Himatione virens*, *Emberiza rustica*, and *Podoces Panderi*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

October 27th, 1897. — 1) Descriptions of new Species of Australian Coleoptera. Part 4. By Arthur M. Lea. Thirty-four species, principally belonging to the *Curculionidae*, are described as new; with critical notes and remarks on synonymy. — 2) On the Lizards of the Chillagoe District, North Queensland. By R. Broom, M.D., B.Sc. Twenty-three species were collected during a six months' residence at Muldiva, 70 miles west of Herberton, a district in which during eight months of the year (April—December) as a rule there is practically no rain. A species of *Lygosoma* is described as new. — 3) On a *Trachypterus* from New South Wales. By J. Douglas Ogilby. In this paper the author gives a detailed description of a young example washed ashore near Newcastle, and reviews at length our present knowledge of the genus in the south-western Pacific. Eight previous examples have been recorded, and it is considered that there are good reasons for believing that these are separable into two if not three species, which are identified as *T. Jacksoniensis*, Ramsay; *T. Jacksoniensis polystictus*, subsp. nov., and *T. arawatae*, Clarke. — 4) Contributions to a more exact knowledge of the Geographical Distribution of Australian Batrachia. No. 5. By J. J. Fletcher. The present contribution is based upon the examination of collections from Tasmania and West Australia. In the British Museum Catalogue (2nd ed.) seven (?eight) species are attributed to Tasmania, and fourteen to West Australia. Three additional species are now recorded for the former Colony, and six for the latter, including an undescribed species of *Crinia* belonging to the group having the abdominal surface non-granulate. — Mr. Brazier, on behalf of Mrs. Kenyon, exhibited specimens of the following Mollusca (Fam. *Veneridae*) found on the Victorian coasts, and contributed a Note on the same: — *Venus gallinula*, Lam., *V. australis*, Sowb., *V. scalarina*, Lam., *V. Peronii*, Lam., *V. aphrodina*, Lam., *V. spurca*, Sowb., and *Tapes flammiculata*, Lam., originally described under *Venus*. — Mr. Brazier exhibited, and contributed a Note descriptive of a new Volute from the Lakes Entrance, Victoria. The only specimen available at present is unfortunately somewhat broken. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited a number of scale insects (*Eriococcus coriaceus*, Mask.), upon a twig of Eucalyptus, among which had been placed a great number of the eggs of the scale-eating moth *Thalpochares coccophaga*, Meyr. The eggs are pale pink, circular, and beautifully ribbed. The scales were infested with the larvae of *Cryptolaemus Montrouzieri*, Muls., one of our useful small black ladybird beetles. Both these enemies of *Eriococcus* are of

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