

## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

July 28th, 1898.—1) Revision of the Australian *Curculionidae* belonging to the subfamily *Cryptorhynchides*. Part ii. By Arthur M. Lea. Four new genera are proposed, of which three are founded on species referred by Mr. Pascoe to *Poropterus*; and four genera allied to *Poropterus* are re-described. These comprehend a total of thirty-one species which receive attention, fifteen of them being described as new.—2) Descriptions of new Mollusca from Victoria. By J. Brazier, F.L.S. Four species referable to the genera *Conus*, *Columbella* (*Mitrella*), *Lucina* (*Codakia*), and *Tellina* (*Strigella*) are described as new. *Hab.*—San Remo.—3) Botanical.—4) Revision of the Genus *Paropsis*. Part iii. By Rev. T. Blackburn, B.A., Corresponding Member. In this paper the author takes in hand the species forming Group vi. of the classification propounded in an earlier paper (P.L.S.N.S.W. 1896. p. 638); and three subgroups are dealt with. In addition to critical remarks and tabulations, descriptions of thirteen new species are given.—Mr. D. G. Stead exhibited a beautiful preparation of a gastropod (*Hydatina physis*, Linn.) and its spiral ribbons of eggs, found in a rock-pool at Manly in January last. Molluscan ova are often to be met with, but unfortunately in very many cases without any satisfactory clue to the species to which they belong. In the present instance the animal was obtained in the act of oviposition. The ova much resemble those of an *Aplysia* figured by Rang.—Mr. Fletcher exhibited for Mr. J. H. Rose, of Warialda, a specimen of the handsome longicorn, *Rhytiphora Rosei*, Olliff, from near Warialda, N.S.W., but few specimens of which have as yet been met with. Also a specimen of a little known frog, also from near Warialda, presenting slight colour differences from, but apparently correctly referable to, *Chiroleptes brevipes*, Peters, hitherto only known from the type specimen from Queensland. It appears to be a burrower, of exceedingly retiring habits, the very few specimens so far seen having been found in long grass after rain.

## III. Personal-Notizen.

Cambridge, Mass. Prof. Alexander Agassiz hat seine Stellung als Director und Curator des Museum of Comparative Zoology am Harvard College niedergelegt. Die Leitung liegt nun in den Händen eines, aus Dr. H. P. Wallcott und Prof. Geo. L. Goodale bestehenden Comité's.

London. Zum Nachfolger des aus Gesundheitsrücksichten sich zurückziehenden Sir Will. Flower als Director der naturhistorischen Abtheilung des British Museum ist Prof. E. Ray Lankester gewählt worden.

### Necrolog.

Der Todestag And. Joh. Malmgren's (s. Z. A. 1897. p. 512) ist der 12. April 1897.

Am 7. August starb auf seiner Besetzung, Château d'Argeville à Vernon (Seine-et-Marne), der langjährige Herausgeber des Journal der Conchyliologie, Mr. Jos. Charl. Hippolyte Crosse, im Alter von 71 Jahren.

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