

paper by Dr. F. P. Moreno and himself, on a piece of skin supposed to belong to the *Neomylodon Listai* of Ameghino, from a cavern near Consuelo Cove, Lost Hope Inlet, Patagonia. Dr. Moreno's contribution was an amplification of his remarks on the subject made at a previous meeting. He maintained that the specimen in question was of great antiquity, and belonged to the extinct Ground-Sloth, *Mylodon*. In reply to objections founded on its state of preservation, he supported his contention by mentioning that he had found a well-preserved mummified human body in another cavern in the same district, which certainly belonged to an extinct race of great antiquity, unknown even to the present Tehuelche Indians. Mr. Woodward gave a detailed description of the specimen, pointing out that the skin was unique, even for an Edentate, in having the armour of ossicles confined to the lower half of the dermis, while the covering of hair was implanted in every part of the upper half. He thought he could recognize in it the base of the left ear, and concluded that the piece of skin had probably belonged to the neck. It certainly represented an animal quite as large as *Mylodon*; but he noted discrepancies in the microscopical structure of the dermal ossicles, which inclined him to believe in its generic distinctness. The problem could not be solved, because the dermal armour of *Mylodon* had only been definitely described in the lumbar region, and it was quite possible that the ossicles in the flexible neck of the animal might not agree with those in the comparatively rigid back above the pelvis. If Dr. Moreno had not been able to give so circumstantial an account of the discovery, Mr. Woodward would have unhesitatingly pronounced the skin to belong to a recent animal killed quite lately. — A communication was read from Mr. P. W. Bassett-Smith, R.N., F.Z.S., containing observations on the formation of the Coral-reefs on the N.W. Coast of Australia. Special attention was called to the part played by massive *Polyzoa* in forming Coral-reefs. — A communication was read from Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S., containing an account of a collection of Reptiles and Batrachians made by Mr. J. D. La Touche in N.W. Fokien, China. Eight species were described as new to science in the present paper, amongst which was a Snake belonging to a new genus, most nearly allied to *Opisthotropis* of Günther, proposed to be called *Tapinophis Latouchii*, after its discoverer. — A communication was read from Sir G. F. Hampson, Bart., F.Z.S., containing the second portion of his "Revision of the Moths of the subfamily *Pyraustinae* of the family *Pyralidae*". — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

III. Personal-Notizen.

Sassari. Il Dr. Daniele Rosa sinora assistente al R. Museo zoologico di Torino è stato nominato professore straordinario di zoologia e di anatomia e fisiologia comparata nella R. Università di Sassari.

Necrologe.

Am 25. Januar starb in Clifton The Rev. Thomas Hincks. Er war am 15. Juli 1818 in Exeter geboren. Rühmlichst bekannt haben ihn seine Schriften über britische Coelenteraten, und Bryozoen gemacht.

Am 27. Februar starb in Zürich Prof. Dr. Gustav Schoch, Docent der Entomologie am eidgenössischen Polytechnikum.

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