

collection, however, had afforded a much needed opportunity for discussing and clearing up obscure points in some of the earlier descriptions of the Crustacean fauna. — Mr. L. A. Borradaile, F.Z.S., read the fourth instalment of his memoir on Crustaceans from the South Pacific. This part contained an account of the Crabs, of which 77 species were enumerated. Seven new species were described, and a scheme of classification of the swimming Crabs (*Portunidae*) was put forward. — A communication was read from Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, which contained an enumeration of the birds—56 species in all—collected during the Mackinder Expedition to Mount Kenya, accompanied by field-notes of the collectors. — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.R.S., read a paper entitled “A Revision of the Earthworm Genus *Amyntas*.” According to the author, this genus comprised 102 species, which were enumerated and commented upon. — Mr. Beddard also read a paper on the structure of a new species of Earthworm, which he proposed to name *Benhamia Budgetti*, after its discoverer, Mr. J. S. Budgett, who had obtained two specimens of it at M’Carthy’s Island during his recent visit to the Gambia. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

## 2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

April 25th, 1900. — 1) and 2) Botanical. — 3) Studies on Australian Mollusca. Part i. By C. Hedley, F.L.S. Two genera and several species of marine mollusca are here introduced as new. Some species already described, but not figured or insufficiently known, are now illustrated and more fully described. — 4) 5) and 6) Botanical. — Mr. Froggatt exhibited, and contributed a Note on, a fine mounted series of twelve species of Australian Ticks, determined by Professor Neumann, of Toulouse, comprising the following: — *Ixodes hylocyclus*, Neum., the common bush tick about Sydney and elsewhere; *I. ornithorynchi*, Lucas, from the Platypus; *Rhipicephalus annulatus*, Say, var. *australis*, the Queensland cattle tick; *Amblyomma moreliae*, L. Koch, from a kangaroo, and also from horses; *A. triguttatum*, C. L. Koch, from cattle; *Aponomma hydrosauri*, Denny, from a lizard and from an echidna; *A. decorosum*, L. Koch, from a snake; *A. trimaculatum*, Lucas, from cattle; *A. cinctum*, n. sp., from beetles; *Haemaphysalis Leachi*, Aud., from horses; *H. longicornis*, n. sp., from cattle; *Argas americanus*, Packd., the fowl tick. — Mr. C. W. Darley exhibited a portion of the timbers of a punt, showing the depredations of an Isopod which had been determined by the authorities of the Australian Museum to be the destructive “Gribble,” *Limnoria lignorum*, Rathke (= *L. terebrans*, Leach), not previously recorded from Australian waters, and therefore presumably introduced from Europe or America. — Mr. Stead exhibited an ant (*Iridomyrmex purpureus*), and a piece of quartz, relatively much bulkier than the animal, which it has been observed to lift bodily. — Mr. Palmer exhibited a very perfect cast skin of a snake from the Blue Mountains. — Mr. Trebeck showed a good specimen of the rattle of *Crotalus horridus*, from British Columbia. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited five specimens (♂ 2; ♀ 3) of a *Peripatus* with fourteen pairs of walking legs, the males with white papillae on the legs of the posterior nine pairs, from the North Island of New Zealand. The specimens were obtained by Mr. C. T. Musson near Te Aroha in the early part of last January. They will probably prove to be referable to the species for which Professor Dendy

[Nature, March 8th, 1900. p. 444] has recently proposed the name *P. viridimaculatus*, founded on specimens collected at the head of Lake Te Anau in the South Island. The (spirit) specimens exhibited, however, do not in their present condition seem to show the "fifteen pairs of green spots arranged segmentally" which Dr. Dendy describes as characteristically present in the specimens from the South Island.

### III. Personal-Notizen.

#### Notiz.

Herr Dr. E. W. Berger wünscht, daß alle Briefe und Drucksachen, die für ihn bestimmt, künftig direct an ihn nach Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, U. S. A., adressiert und nicht nach Baltimore gesandt werden.

#### Necrolog.

Am 6. Juli starb in Breslau Professor Dr. Gustav Born, der durch mehrfache entwicklungsgeschichtliche Arbeiten wohlbekannte Anatom. Er war 1851 in Kempen geboren.

Am 11. Juni starb in Florenz W. Percy Sladen, der frühere Secretär der Linnean Society und bekannte Echinodermenforscher.



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