

II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

April 2nd, 1901. — Professor F. Jeffrey Bell exhibited two specimens of a Starfish, *Astrophyton clavatum*, the many-branched arms of which were closely intertwined, while the bursal slits (by which the genital products are evacuated) were turgid and widely open. Recalling the observations of Prof. Ludwig on *Asterina* and of Dr. Jickeli on *Antedon*, Prof. Bell suggested that we had here a third example of sexual congress among Echinoderms. — Mr. R. E. Holding exhibited and made remarks upon two pairs of malformed antlers of the Japanese Deer (*Cervus sika*). — Mr. G. P. Mudge, F.Z.S., read a paper on the myology of the tongue of Parrots, and added a tentative classification of this Order of Birds based upon the structure of the tongue. This memoir was the outcome of the examination of the tongues of 53 Parrots ranging over the whole Order, the *Cyclopsittacidae* excepted; and the conclusion arrived at by the author was that the Parrots, by the structural characters of the tongue alone, might be arranged in three families, viz. *Loriidae*, *Nestoridae* and *Psittacidae*. — A communication was read from Prof. W. Blaxland Benham, F.Z.S., on the larynx of a Rorqual Whale (*Balaenoptera rostrata*) and of a Cachalot of the genus *Cogia*. The paper was based upon an examination of the larynxes of specimens of these Cetaceans, which had been washed up on the coast of Dunedin, New Zealand, and in it the author showed how widely different this organ was in these representatives of the *Mystucoceti* and the *Odontoceti*. — A communication from Mr. F. F. Laidlaw contained an account of the Lizards collected during the "Skeat Expedition" to the Malay Peninsula in 1899—1900. Twenty-seven species were enumerated in the paper, and notes were given on their geographical distribution and habits, special attention being directed to the curious habit of *Tachydromus sexlineatus* of running about on the top of the long buffalo-grass. One new species was described, under the name *Lygosoma Floweri*. — Prof. D'Arcy W. Thompson, C.B., read a paper on the pterylosis of the Giant Hummingbird, *Patagona gigas*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

April 16th, 1901. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of March, and called special attention to a male Tasmanian Wolf (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), received in exchange on March 19; and to a further series of Indian birds, mostly new to the Collection, presented to the Society by Mr. E. W. Harper, F.Z.S., on March 18th. — Mr. Selater exhibited (on behalf of Mr. Phil. Robinson) an old copperplate engraving (published in 1771) by George Stubbs, Jr., taken from a painting by George Stubbs, Sr., which gave an excellent representation of a specimen of the Mountain Zebra (*Equus zebra*). — A letter was read from Mr. L. A. Borradaile, F.Z.S., stating that the Crustacean described by him at the Meeting on Nov. 20th, 1900, as *Armadillidium pacificum* belonged to the genus *Cubaris* and not to *Armadillidium*. — A communication was read from Mr. W. L. Distant entitled "A Revision of the Insects of the Order Rhynchota belonging to the Family *Coreidae* in the Hope Collection at Oxford." It was stated to be supplementary to the paper on the same subject already published in the

'Proceedings' (cf. P.Z.S. 1900. p. 507). — Mr. F. E. Beddard, F.R.S., read a series of notes on Earthworms, which comprised 1) an account of some Earthworms from Eastern Tropical Africa in the Collection of the British Museum; 2) a note on the spermatophores of *Polytoreulus*; 3) a note on the spermatophores of *Stuhlmannia*; 4) remarks on the ovaries, oviducts, and spermducts of *Stuhlmannia*; and 5) a contribution to our knowledge of the genus *Gordiodrillus*. — Mr. F. E. Beddard also read a paper on the anatomy and systematic position of the Openbilled Stork (*Anastomus oscitans*), based on an examination of a specimen of this bird that had died in the Society's Gardens. The author was of opinion that the structural differences between *Anastomus* and the typical Storks were so slight that they did not warrant the placing of this bird in a separate family or subfamily. — A paper was read from Dr. H. Lyster Jameson giving an account of the Mother-of-Pearl Oysters (*Margaritiferae*). It was based upon a study of the series of these Oysters in the British Museum and upon an examination of a large series of marketable Mother-of-Pearl Oysters of various species in the London shell-warehouses, and dealt with the specific identity, geographical distribution, local variation, original name, and synonymy of the different members of *Margaritifera*. The subgenus was divided into two sections, characterized respectively by the absence or presence of rudimentary hinge-teeth. Several new species and local forms were described in this paper. — A communication from Miss Emily M. Sharpe contained a list of the Lepidoptera collected by Mr. Ewart S. Grogan during his expedition from the Cape to Cairo. The names of 66 species represented in the collection were enumerated in the paper. Two of these were described as new under the names *Amauris Grogani* and *Gnophodes Grogani*. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

2. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Die 11. Jahresversammlung findet

Sonntag, den 11. August 1901 von 11—1 Uhr

im großen Hörsaal des Zoologischen Instituts

zu Berlin

statt.

Nach Beschluß der vorjährigen Versammlung soll in diesem Jahr mit Rücksicht auf den Internationalen Zoologen-Congress nur eine Geschäftssitzung abgehalten werden.

Tagesordnung für dieselbe:

- 1) Bericht des Schriftführers über das Geschäftsjahr 1900—1901.
- 2) Bericht des General-Redacteurs des »Tierreichs«.
- 3) Wahl des nächsten Versammlungsortes.
- 4) Ernennung eines Ehrenmitgliedes.
- 5) Berathung eines Antrages des Vorstandes betr. einen Zusatz zu § 5 der Statuten folgenden Inhalts: »Mitglieder, welche der Gesellschaft mindestens 10 Jahre angehört und während dieser Zeit

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