

### 13. Berichtigung.

Da ich von meinem Aufsatz: »Bemerkungen etc.« in No. 693 des Zool. Anz. keine Correctur lesen konnte, so ist zu berichtigen:

p. 256 Zeile 1 v. u.: »vervollständigenden« statt »vollständigen«.

p. 257 Zeile 6 v. u. lies »bedeuten« statt »annehmen«.

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## II. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

### 1. Zoological Society of London.

January 20th, 1903. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made the Society's Menagerie during the month of December 1902, and called special attention to two very fine specimens of the One-wattled Cassowary (*Casuarus uniappendiculatus*), from New Guinea, deposited by the Hon. Walter Rothschild, M.P., F.Z.S. — Mr. Sclater read an extract from a letter from Major W. H. Birkbeck, of the Remount Department, Johannesburg, containing the information that the hybrid Zebra now in the Society's Menagerie was the offspring of a male Zebra and a pony mare. — Mr. Budgett read a report on his recent expedition to Uganda, illustrated by lantern-slides. — The original intention of visiting the Semliki Valley to study the life-history of *Polypterus* in the Semliki River, and also the Okapi in the Semliki forest, was not adhered to, as this locality seemed, from local information, to be unsuitable for the study of both these creatures. The Nile route homewards was chosen as being more suitable for the study of *Polypterus* than the Congo route, and therefore the search after the Okapi was abandoned. The first halt, after leaving Uganda, was made on July 30th at Butyaba, on the east shore of Lake Albert. Here *Polypterus senegalus* and *Protopterus aethiopicus* were both abundant, and collections were made of the Fishes of the Lake and of the higher Vertebrates. Mr. Budgett then proceeded through the Budonga forest, where very large herds of Elephant were frequently seen, to the Victoria Nile below the Murchison Falls. Here ten days were occupied in endeavouring to obtain the early stages of *Polypterus*, which was fairly abundant and was found to be spawning. The fertilization of over a hundred ova obtained, however, was not successful, and the most promising attempt yet made to breed *Polypterus* artificially again failed. On August 29th Mr. Budgett proceeded to Wadelai overland, staying there a week, but was not very successful here in obtaining material of *Polypterus*; but some collections of fishes and birds were made. The next stage of the journey was made by the steel boat of the Uganda Marines to Nimule. A few fishes were collected at the riverside villages, though little material of *Polypterus* was obtained. Mr. Budgett then proceeded overland to Gondokoro, and, after a short stay there, started for Fashoda on Sept. 27th on board the Sudan Government steamer. At Fashoda several weeks were spent and a good deal of information concerning *Polypterus senegalus*, *P. bichir*, and *P. Endlicheri* was obtained. Many anatomical preparations of fishes were also made here. Throughout the journey many observations were made upon the birds and mammals, and the striking parallelism of the country of the Nile Province of Uganda in its flora and avifauna to that of the Gambia Colony on the west coast was especially noticed. Though some new light was shed upon the problem of the life-history of *Polypterus*, earlier

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