

### III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Gesellschaften etc.

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

6th May, 1879. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April, 1879, and called special attention to two Lanceolated Jays (*Garrulus lanceolatus*), from the Himalayas, and two Siberian Roe Deer, received in exchange. The Secretary also announced the arrival of a Japanese Goat-Antelope (*Capri-cornus crispus*), presented by Mr. H. Pryer, C. M. Z. S., of Yokohama, and of an Alpine Accentor (*Accentor alpinus*), received in exchange, being, it was believed, the first example of this little bird seen in captivity. — A letter was read from Mr. E. L. Layard, F. Z. S., relating to the localities of certain species of Fruit-Pigeons (*Ptilopus*) of the South Pacific Islands. — Professor Flower, F. R. S., exhibited and made remarks on a drawing of a British Cetacean (*Delphinus tursio*), taken from a specimen captured near Holyhead in 1878. — A communication was read from Mr. Gerard Krefft, giving the description of a supposed new form of insectivorous Bat, of which a specimen had been obtained on the Wilson River, Central Queensland. — The Rev. Canon Tristram, C. M. Z. S., read a description of a new species of Wood-pecker, from the Island of Tyzu Sima, near Japan, which he proposed to name after its discoverer, *Dryocopus Richardsi*. — A communication was read from Mr. F. Moore, F. Z. S., containing the descriptions of new genera and species of Asiatic Lepidoptera Heterocera. Eleven new genera were characterized and ninety new species described. — Mr. G. French Angas, C. M. Z. S., read the descriptions of ten new species of Shells of the genera *Axinaea* and *Pectunculus*. — A communication was read from Mr. W. A. Forbes, F. Z. S., on the anatomy of the African Elephant, based on the facts observed during a dissection of a young female of that species during the last winter. The structures of the thoracic, alimentary, and urino-genital viscera of this species were described, and compared with the previously published accounts of those of both the Indian and African species of Elephant. The most important differences observed were those displayed in the liver and female organs, but on the whole were not of such a nature as to make it advisable, in the author's opinion, to separate *Loxodon* as a genus from *Elephas* proper. — A paper was read by Mr. F. Jeffrey Bell, F. Z. S., on the question of the number of anal plates in the Echinoderms of the genus *Echinocardis*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

#### 2. Linnean Society of London.

March 20, 1879. — A paper by Mr. Fred. Smith »On new Aculeate Hymenoptera from the Sandwich Islands, collected by the Rev. T. Blackburn«, was read by the Secretary. The author considered the general aspect of the series to be North American, with admixture of a few South-American-like forms. The Ants are most diverse in character, some being cosmopolitan in range. The house Ant of Madeira is common, and the little European Ant (*Ponera contracta*) unexpectedly turns up here.

Mr. R. B. Sharpe read the fifth of his series of contributions to the Ornithology of New Guinea, namely »On recent Collections from the neighbourhood of Port Moresby«. This interesting collection was obtained by Mr. Kendal Broadbent and usefully compares with those previously got by Signor Albertis from the neighbourhood of the Fly River. A Parrot of the genus *Aprosmictus* closely resembles one from the Fly River, but nevertheless is specifically distinct, offering thus a parallel case to the Crowned Pigeons, *Goura Albertisi*, inhabiting Port Moresby, and, on the other hand, *G. Sclateri*, found on the Fly River. So far as is at present known, it appears that the affinities of the South Eastern New Guinea species seem to be with those of Australia, a few only veering to those of the Aru Islands. — J. Murie.

### 3. Zoologische Station der Niederländischen Zoologischen Gesellschaft.

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Die Commission für die zoologische Station der Niederländischen Zoologischen Gesellschaft hat beschlossen die Station wieder auf der Insel Ter-Schelling (Nordsee) zu errichten: die Station wird während der Monate Juli und August geöffnet sein.

Reflectirende werden höflichst gebeten sich bei dem Secretär anzumelden, der Jedem gern alle näheren Auskünfte geben wird.

G. C. J. Vosmaer, Secretär der Commission.

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## IV. Personal-Notizen.

### Nord-America. — Canada. 1. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie College and University.

Professor of Biological Science (and Chem.): George Lawson, Ph. D., LL.D.  
Professor of Geology and Palaeontology: Rev. David Honeyman, D. C. L.

Technological Institute.

Lecturer in Zoology: John Somers, M. D.

Lecturer in Geology, Palaeontology etc.: Rev. David Honeyman, D. C. L.

### 2. Montreal. — MacGill University.

Logan Professor of Geology and Prof. of Nat. Hist.: Principal John Will.  
Dawson, M. A., LL.D.

### 3. Québec. — Université Laval.

Professeur de Zoologie, d'Anatomie et de Physiologie comparées: Prof. agrégé  
Louis Jos. Alfr. Simard, M. D.  
Curateur du Musée Zoologique: Mr. F. X. Bélanger.

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