

visceralen Aortenäste zeigen nichts Besonderes; von den Lumbales ist die letzte weitaus am besten entwickelt. Sie ist links, wo sie normal aus der Aorta entspringt, bedeutend stärker als auf der rechten Seite, wo sie erst von dem abnormen Gefäß abgegeben wird. Die Aorta abdominalis teilt sich in gewohnter Weise: aus den Iliacae communes entspringen jederseits dicht hintereinander zwei Stämme, die A. epigastrico-vesicalis und A. femoralis, rechts durchtrennt, vielleicht etwas schwächer als links. Im weiteren Verlauf verhalten sich die Ischiadicae gleich. Die Art. cutaneae beider Seiten zeigen auch keine Differenzen.

Das Tier war ein großes ♀ von *Rana esculenta* mit stark entwickelten Ovarien und in bestem Zustande, beide Körperhälften völlig gleich entwickelt.

Eine solche Abnormität ist meines Wissens noch nicht beschrieben. Besonders merkwürdig scheint mir die doppelte Passage der Leibeswand und die eingeschaltete Strecke subcutanen Verlaufes zu sein, sowie der fast völlige Mangel von Seitenästen.

II. Mitteilungen aus Museen, Instituten usw.

1. Deutsche Zoologische Gesellschaft.

Am 2. Januar d. J. erfolgte in München die Feststellung des Ergebnisses der

Neuwahl des Vorstandes

durch den 1. Vorsitzenden der Gesellschaft, Herrn Prof. R. Hertwig und dem Kgl. Notar Herrn Justizrat Grimm.

Die bis zum 31. Dezember 1907 bei dem Herrn Vorsitzenden eingegangenen Briefe, enthielten 121 gültige Stimmzettel. Von den abgegebenen Stimmen fielen für das Amt des Vorsitzenden und seiner Stellvertreter auf:

Herrn Prof. L. von Graff	in Graz	. .	80	Stimmen	
- -	R. Hertwig	- München	99	-	
- -	C. Chun	- Leipzig	77	-	
- -	A. Brauer	- Berlin	32	-	
- -	Th. Boveri	- Würzburg	27	-	
- -	K. Heider	- Innsbruck	25	-	
- -	K. Kükenthal	- Breslau	18	-	
- -	O. Bütschli	- Heidelberg	16	-	
- -	H. Ludwig	- Bonn	12	-	
- -	F. E. Schulze	- Berlin	10	-	
- -	M. Braun	- Königsberg	10	-	
- -	A. Goette	- Straßburg	10	-	

Herrn Prof. E. Korschelt in Marburg, als Schriftführer 119 Stimmen.

Die übrigen Stimmen für die Stellvertreter des Vorsitzenden waren stark zersplittert.

Es sind demnach gewählt:

- 1) Herr Prof. L. von Graff zum Vorsitzenden,
- 2) - - R. Hertwig zu dessen 1. Stellvertreter,
- 3) - - C. Chun - - 2. -
- 4) - - A. Brauer - - 3. -
- 5) - - E. Korschelt zum Schriftführer.

Die Gewählten haben sich dem bisherigen Herrn Vorsitzenden zur Annahme der Wahl bereit erklärt.

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

Abstract of Proceedings, October 30th, 1907. — Mr. David G. Stead exhibited a well preserved example of the curious so-called "Beaked Salmon", *Gonorhynchus gonorhynchus* (Linné) which has usually been looked upon as one of the rarest members of the New South Wales fish fauna, and which was recorded from these waters for the first time, by Ogilby, in the Society's Proceedings for 1899 (p. 154). Specimens from the following localities on the coast of New South Wales had been examined: Tuggerah Lakes (two records); Port Jackson; Botany Bay; Como, George's River; Wollongong; Lake Illawarra (two records); from the mouth of a snapper captured 3 miles east of Greenwell Point Lighthouse (this was a young specimen and is a very interesting record); Conjola Lake. In the case of the second record at Lake Illawarra (June, 1906) many specimens, aggregating about half a basket, were captured in one haul. — 1) On the Tertiary Limestones and Foraminiferal Tuffs of Malekula, New Hebrides. By F. Chapman, A.L.S., F.R.M.S., National Museum, Melbourne. (Communicated by D. Mawson). — The series of rocks from Malekula now under discussion, form part of the extensive and valuable collection made by Mr. Douglas Mawson, B.Sc., B.E. in 1903. The present paper deals exclusively with the Miocene and the post-Miocene (probably Pliocene) rocks of the Island of Malekula, south of Santo; and although the specimens comprised in this part of the collection are not numerous, this is amply compensated for by their extremely interesting nature. — Among the interesting facts in distribution brought to light may be mentioned the occurrence of *Trillina* in the New Hebrides, a genus already proved to exist in southern Australia and the Philippines, which thereby seems to connect up the southern coast of Australia with the outlying islands of eastern Australasia and certain portions of the East Indian Archipelago, along which line in Oligocene and Miocene times there probably existed a shallow-water area where such littoral forms could flourish. — The new species of *Alveolina* found in the Malekula limestone, although not previously described, had already been figured from Javan Miocene limestones, and thus a relationship is shown with the latter rocks. — By the discovery of *Lepidocyclina angularis* at Malekula, already known from Miocene limestone in the Loo-Choo Islands, off Japan, there is shown a further extension of the Miocene shoreline as far north as Japan. — 2) On a Collection of Dragonflies from Central Australia, with Descriptions of new Species. By R. J. Tillyard, M.A., F.E.S. — The collection was made by Mr. J. F. Field, late of Tennant's Creek, Northern Territory, and may be regarded as probably typical of the Odonate fauna of Central Australia. Though the locality is well within the Tropics,

yet it exhibits no definite tropical forms (excepting the cosmopolitan *Pantala flavescens*). The 320 specimens examined comprise only ten species, of which eight are common and widely distributed over Australia, while two are new. One of these, *Lestes aridus*, is closely allied to *L. leda* und *L. analis*, both common around Sydney. The other, *Austrosticta fieldi*, of which only three more or less imperfect specimens are in the collection, is regarded as the type of a new genus. Though insignificant in size and colouring, it is a most interesting and remarkable insect. Its nearest ally is *Isosticta simplex* Martin, found in Eastern Australia, from which it differs in several important details of wing-venuration and in the form of the and appendages. — 3) Memoir on a few Heteropterous Hemiptera from Eastern Australia. By G. W. Kirkaldy, F.E.S. — This memoir records the Heteroptera collected by Mr. A. Koebele and Dr. R. C. L. Perkins in Queensland, and by M. Koebele in New South Wales. These expeditions were carried out under the auspices of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association at Honolulu, for the purpose of discovering and forwarding predators and parasites for the control of certain insect pests of sugar cane in the Hawaiian Islands, and the resulting collections are preserved in the cabinets of the Division of Entomology. The Homoptera have been already worked out (1906, Bull. Ent. Hawaiian Sugar Planter's Assoc. I. 269—479, Pl. XXI.—XXXIII.; 1907, op. cit. III., 1, Pl. I.—XX. and figs.). The Heteroptera were not specially collected, and were merely a side issue; nevertheless seven genera and twenty-five species are proposed as new.

Abstract of Proceedings, November 27th, 1907. — Mr. D. G. Stead exhibited a curiously deformed right claw of a large Mangrove Crab, *Scylla serrata* (Forsk.) which showed a remarkable "attempt" at the formation of a supplementary "nipper" on its lower surface. — Mr. Kesteven exhibited preparations of the eyes of a tadpole, of a species of *Hyla*, from the Histological Laboratory of Sydney University. The elements of the retina, more especially the rods and cones, were more easily studied in such preparations than in those of mammalian eyes in general.

III. Personal-Notizen.

München.

Herr Dr. **Franz Doflein**, Konservator an der Zoologischen Staatssammlung, wurde zum a. o. Professor für Systematik u. Biologie der Tiere an der Universität München ernannt.

Berlin.

Herr Prof. Dr. **A. Schuberg** in Heidelberg wird am 1. April d. J. die Leitung der Abteilung für Protozoen-Forschung am Kaiserl. Gesundheitsamt in Berlin übernehmen.

Nekrolog.

Am 14. Januar starb in Rovigno Herr Prof. Dr. **Rudolf Burckhardt**, wissenschaftlicher Leiter der Zoologischen Station daselbst, geboren am 30. März 1866 in Basel und bis vor kurzem a. o. Professor der Zoologie an der dortigen Universität.

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