

ein Rückengefäß vorhanden, welches besonders gut bei jungen Exemplaren sichtbar ist und vorn eine bedeutende Erweiterung zeigt. Was die Secretionsorgane anbetrifft, so findet sich zu den Seiten des Verdauungscanals eine große Menge von Zellen, welche den ganzen Raum bis zu den Körperwandungen anfüllen und runde, denen des Bojanus'schen Organs der Mollusken ähnliche Concremente enthalten. Über dem Rückengefäß, rechts und links von demselben zieht sich das paarige Ovarium hin. Das oben als Testikel gedeutete Organ liegt unter dem Verdauungsrohre, beginnt ungefähr auf halber Körperlänge als unpaarer Schlauch, spaltet sich aber bald darauf gabelig, verläuft rückwärts, um, wie erwähnt, in die Cloake zu münden.

(Fortsetzung folgt.)

2. Zoological Society of London.

2nd March, 1880. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read the first of a series of papers on the anatomy of Passerine Birds. The present communication related to the structure of the stomach in the genus *Euphonia*, and in other allied genera of the family Tanagridae. — Mr. A. G. Butler read a paper on some new and little-known species of Butterflies collected in India by Dr. Watt, of the Calcutta University. — Messrs. Sclater and Salvin read a paper on the birds collected by Mr. Clarence Buckley in Eastern Ecuador. During his recent residence at Sarayacu, on the upper Rio Pastaza, Mr. Buckley had formed a very large collection of birds which had been carefully examined by the authors, and of which they hoped to be able to give a general account on a future occasion. On the present occasion they described only the 18 species which they considered to be new to science. — Mr. Howard Saunders read a paper containing a descriptive list of the Sea-birds obtained by Lord Lindsay during his voyage in the yacht »Venus« to Mauritius. The species were 18 in number, and mainly belonged to the families *Fregatidae*, *Pelecanidae*, *Phaetontidae*, *Laridae* and *Procellariidae*. — Mr. M. Jacoby communicated a paper containing descriptions of new species of Phytophagous Coleoptera, collected in South America. — Mr. A. G. Butler read a paper on some new species of *Orthoptera*, of the genus *Anostostoma*, collected by Mr. Kingdom at Antananarivo, Madagascar. — A communication was read from Col. R. H. Beddome, C.M.Z.S., containing the description of a new species of Snake, obtained in Malabar, proposed to be called *Plectrurus aureus*. — Messrs. Godman and Distant read a paper containing the descriptions of five new species of African Butterflies. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

3. Linnean Society of London.

4. March, Two skulls of the *Babirussa alfurus* Less. from Borneo were exhibited by Mr. Middleton the tusks of both being unusually small though the crania were adult and otherwise well formed. — Dr. Günther in a communication »On a phosphorescent Organ in Fishes« brought forward two deep Sea fishes obtained during the 'Challenger' Expedition (*Echiodon* and *Scopelus*) to

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