

mer, d. h. Turbellarien, denselben Modus zeigen, so wird man wohl die Schlussfolgerung, dass die intracelluläre Verdauung eine ursprüngliche Erscheinung bei Metazoen bildet und auch bei den Urahnen der letzteren die Regel war, rechtfertigen. Eine derartige Verdauungsweise setzt aber durchaus nicht nothwendig eine besondere Verdauungshöhle voraus, welche demnach als eine secundär erworbene Bildung angesehen werden muss. Von diesem Gesichtspuncte aus lassen sich viele ontogenetische Erscheinungen bei Coelenteraten erklären, welche mit der Gastraeatheorie nicht in Einklang gebracht werden können, wie es in einer nächsten Publication von mir gezeigt werden soll.

Den 24. April 1880.

III. Mittheilungen aus Instituten, Gesellschaften etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

6th April, 1880. — The Secretary, some extracts from letters which he had received from Mr. W. A. Conklin, of New York, relating to the birth of an Elephant which had lately taken place in a travelling Menagerie at Philadelphia. — Prof. T. H. Huxley, F. R. S., read a paper on the distinctive characters of the species of the genus *Canis*, as shown in certain points of the structure of their skulls and in the proportions of their teeth. — Dr. Francis Day read a paper on the Fishes of Afghanistan, based principally upon a collection which had been made for him in the highlands of Kelat and Quettah, by Dr. Duke. — A communication was read from Prof. Julius Von Haast, F. R. S., containing a description of a specimen of a rare Ziphioid Whale (*Epiodon novae-zealandiae*), which had been cast ashore at New Brighton, New Zealand, in July, 1878. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of London.

1st April, 1880. — Only two short zoological papers were read viz.: — Description of a new genus (*Pyramocera*) of moth of the family Liparidae from Madagascar by A. G. Butler and a notice of marine crustaceans collected by P. Geddes at Vera Cruz, by Edw. J. Miers. The Vera Cruz Crustacea included: — a female and immature male of a species of *Panopeus*: examples of *Pachygrapsus socius*, which is very probably merely a variety of *P. transversus* as it is distinguished only by the absence of the dark patch on the immobile finger, which is always present in the typical *P. transversus*; and a series of females of a species of *Pinnotheres*, possibly the *P. angelicus* of Lockington.

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