

Pitt, Chatham, were afterwards removed to Netley Museum. — Mr. F. Jeffrey Bell exhibited the immature specimen of *Echinolampas*, referred to by him in his communication on *Palaeolampas*, pointing out its more differentiated characters, and suggested the possibility of its being an example of *E. oviformis*. — Prof. Flower called the attention of the Meeting to the fact that a young specimen of the Lesser Fin Whale (*Balaenoptera rostrata*) 15 feet long, which had been taken off the Coast of Cornwall, was now being exhibited in London. — A communication was read from Prof. J. O. Westwood, containing an account of the species of Saw-flies, composing the Australian genus *Perga* of Leach. — A communication was read from Dr. W. J. Hoffman on a supposed instance of hybridization between a Cat and a Lynx. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read the second and third parts of his series of papers on the anatomy of Passerine Birds. The communications related to the syrinx and other points in the anatomy of the *Eurylaemidae*, and to the structure of *Philepitta*, and its position amongst the Passeres. — A communication was read from Mr. F. Day, in which he gave the description of a new Entomostrakon from Afghanistan. — Mr. Oldfield Thomas read a paper on a collection of Mammals brought from Ecuador by Mr. Clarence Buckley. Among these was a new species of *Bassaricyon*, proposed to be called *B. Alleni*. — Mr. A. G. Butler read a paper containing descriptions of a collection of Lepidoptera made by Major Howland Roberts at Rokeran, near Kandahar, on the river Urgundab. — Mr. G. French Angus read a paper containing further additions to the marine Molluscan Fauna of South Australia, with descriptions of six new species. — A second paper by Mr. Angus contained the descriptions of three species of marine Shells from Port Darwin, Torres Straits, discovered by Mr. W. J. Bednall, and of a new *Helix* from Kangaroo Island, South Australia. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Verso la fine di marzo (1880, forse il 24), di paralisi generale seguita a pleurisia, moriva in Livorno sua patria Alessandro Spagnolini, Professore di scienze naturali nel Collegio militare di Firenze. Egli era nato nel 1833 da rispettabile famiglia piemontese; fece gli studi universitari in Pisa, ove ottenne il dottorato in scienze naturali, e di nuovo vi si laureò il 18 novembre 1858 a Torino. Subito dopo incominciò la carriera dell'insegnamento nel R. Collegio di S. Francesco di quest'ultima città; passando successivamente nei Licei e scuole militari di Casale, Napoli, Modena e Firenze, fu dovunque stimato come maestro dotto e chiaro, amato per carattere onesto e modestissimo. La sua dissertazione di laurea a Torino ebbe per titolo l'Organo elettrico della torpedine; nei gabinetti di Napoli, Modena e Firenze ha compiuto parecchi interessanti lavori, principalmente sugli Acalefi del Mediterraneo, quindi sui Libellulidi del Modenese, della Toscana e di Costantinopoli, e le sue Lezioni compendiate di fisica terrestre sono pure assai pregevoli.

Pavia.

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