

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

#### 1. Zoological Society of London.

1st February, 1881. — Mr. F. M. Balfour, F.R.S., read a paper on the evolution of the placenta and made some observations on the possibility of employing the characters of this organ in the classification of the Mammals. — Mr. Sclater read notes on some Birds collected by Mr. E. F. im Thurn in British Guiana, amongst which was an example of a new species of *Agelaius*, proposed to be called *A. im-thurni*, after its discoverer. — Mr. W. T. Blanford, F.R.S., read an account of a collection of Reptiles and Frogs made at Singapore by Dr. W. B. Dennys. In this collection were two new species of Ophidians, which were named respectively *Cylindrophis lineatus* and *Simotes dennysi*, and two new Frogs, which the author proposed to call *Rana laticeps* and *Rhacophorus dennysi*. — Mr. A. D. Bartlett read an account of a peculiar habit of the Darter (*Plotus anhinga*), in casting up parts of the epithelial lining of its stomach, as observed by him in the specimen now living in the Society's collection. — A communication was read from Mr. A. Heneage Cocks, F.Z.S., containing notes on the breeding of Otters, as observed by him in specimens living in his possession. — The Secretary read a paper by the late Mr. Arthur O'Shaughnessy, containing an account of a large collection of Lizards made by Mr. C. Buckley in Ecuador. The collection was stated to be of great interest, both on account of the number of new species it contained, and the fresh material it afforded for the study of species already known. Mr. O'Shaughnessy had given last year a partial notice of this collection, confined, however, to a preliminary list of the species of *Anolis* identified. The present paper gave the results of a study of the whole collection, and was not restricted to the description of the new forms, but enumerated all the species, for the purpose of recording additional remarks and revisions which appeared necessary. In it 27 species were mentioned, 10 of which were new. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger read an account of a new species of *Enyalius* in the Brussels Museum, from Ecuador, which he proposed to name *Enyalius o'shaughnessyi*. — Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., read the first part of a memoir on the Land-Shell collected on the island of Socotra by Prof. I. B. Balfour. The present communication comprised an account of the species of *Cyclostomaccae* found on the Island. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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