

Nachtrag. Als das Manuscript der vorstehenden Mittheilung bereits abgegangen war, fand Herr Dr. Gruber in einem der Aquarien des Instituts Heliozoen. Seine Versuche, dieselben auf die angegebene Weise zu conserviren, gelangen vortrefflich, womit also die oben ausgesprochene Erwartung, dass sich das Verfahren wohl auch auf Heliozoen anwenden lassen würde, erfüllt ist.

Freiburg i. Br., am 4. März 1852.

2. Zoological Society of London.

7th March, 1882. — The Secretary exhibited and made remarks on some living examples of *Helix haemastoma* from Ceylon, which had been forwarded to the Society by Mr. J. Wood-Mason, F.Z.S. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read a paper on certain points in the anatomy of the Great Anteater (*Myrmecophaga jubata*), as observed in two adult female specimens that had lately died in the Society's Gardens. The arrangement of the ducts of the submaxillary glands and their relations to the stylo-hyoid muscle, the composition of the anterior cornu of the hyoid bone, the presence of clavicles, and the structure of the brain and of the female reproductive organs were amongst the chief features touched upon. — Capt. G. E. Shelley read an account of the birds collected by Mr. Joseph Thomson while engaged on an exploration of the river Rovuma, East Africa. The collection contained examples of forty-three species of birds, among them being two new species, proposed to be called *Merops Dresseri* and *Erythrocerus Thomsoni*. — A second paper by Capt. Shelley gave an account of a series of birds recently collected by Sir John Kirk in Eastern Africa. This collection was made chiefly in the neighbourhood of Mambois, on the eastern slopes of the mountain-range which separates Ugogo from the Zanzibar province. —

21st March, 1882. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February, 1882, and called special attention to four Warty-faced Honey-eaters (*Xanthomyza phrygia*) and two Musk-Ducks (*Biziura lobata*), purchased February 8th: also to a young Tapir, born in the Gardens February 12th, and thriving well; and to a female Mule Deer (*Cervus macrotis*) from the Western United States, presented by Dr. J. D. Caton, C.M.Z.S., and received February 15th. — Mr. J. E. Harting, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on a mummified bird of the genus *Sula* and some eggs from the guano-deposit of an island off the Pacific coast of South America. — Mr. Selater made some remarks on 'lipotypes' — a new term which he considered convenient in order to designate types of life the absence of which are characteristic of a particular district or region. Thus *Cervus* and *Ursus* were 'lipotypes' of the Aethiopian Region. — Dr. A. Günther exhibited and made remarks on the skin of a pale variety of the Leopard from the Transvaal. — Dr. Günther also exhibited and remarked upon a specimen of a new Turtle (*Geoemyda*) from Siam. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe exhibited a specimen of a Goldfinch from Hungary, sent to him by Dr. J. von Madarasz, of the Museum of Buda-Pest, which that gentleman had described as *Carduelis elegans albigularis*. Mr. Sharpe observed that a white-throated variety of the Goldfinch was by no

means unknown in England. — Dr. Hans Gadow, C.M.Z.S., read a paper on some points in the anatomy of *Pterocles*, with remarks on its systematic position. Detailed descriptions of the alimentary organs and of the muscles were given. The author took the opportunity of discussing the classificatory or systematic value of the caeca in birds. Then, after pointing out the difficulties of placing the Sand-Grouse in the Avian system, he came to the conclusion that the *Pterocletes* (Sclater) should be considered as a group coordinate to the Rasores, Columbæ, and Limicolæ, between which they formed a connecting link. — Mr. W. A. Forbes read a note on a peculiarity of the trachea in the Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise (*Seleucides nigra*) as observed in a male specimen that had recently died in the Society's Gardens. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read a note on the *Strix Oustaleti* of Hartlaub, and pointed out that this bird was none other than the Grass-Owl (*Strix canlida*). — Capt. G. E. Shelley gave the descriptions of some new species of birds which had been obtained in the neighbourhood of Newcastle, Natal. These the author proposed to name *Anthus Butleri* (a very interesting Yellow-breasted Pipit), *Sphenoeacus natalensis* (the Natal representative of *S. africanus*), and *S. intermedius* (an intermediate form from Kaffraria). — Messrs. Godman and Salvin read a paper in which was given the descriptions of some new species of Butterflies of the genus *Agrias*, from the valley of the Amazons. — Mr. E. J. Miers read an account of a collection of Crustaceans which had been made by M. V. de Robillard at the Mauritius. The author called special attention to a fine Spider-crab dredged up from a depth of 80 fathoms, which he proposed to name *Naia Robillardi*. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Christchurch, New Zealand. — Dr. Wilhelm Haacke (vgl. Zool. Anz. No. 96. p. 580) erhielt im Februar d. J. einen Ruf nach Adelaide (Süd-Australien), um die Direction des dortigen Museums zu übernehmen, welchem Rufe er unmittelbar folgte.

Halle a. S. — An Stelle des verstorbenen Giebel ist Prof. Grenacher (bisher in Rostock) zum ord. Professor der Zoologie ernannt worden.

Rostock. — An Stelle des Prof. Grenacher ist Prof. Dr. A. Goette (bisher in Straßburg) zum ord. Professor der Zoologie ernannt worden.

Straßburg i. Els. — An Stelle des Prof. Goette ist Dr. Ludw. Döderlein, bis vor Kurzem in Japan, zum Director der zoologisch-osteologischen Abtheilung des naturhistorischen Museums der Stadt Straßburg ernannt worden.

Edinburgh. — Mr. E. Ray Lankester, Jodrell Professor of Zoology in University College, London, war gegen Ende März zum Nachfolger Sir Wyville Thomson's als Regius Professor of Natural History in Edinburgh ernannt worden, hat aber vor wenig Tagen auf diese Ernennung verzichtet.

Necrolog.

Am 19. April starb Charles Darwin, der Reformator der organischen Naturwissenschaften, auf seiner Besitzung in Kent.

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