

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

4th March, 1884. — Mr. Howard Saunders, F.Z.S., exhibited and made remarks on specimens of two Gulls (*Xema Sabini* and *Larus philadelphia*) in the breeding-plumage, both killed in Scotland. Mr. Saunders also made some observations upon the specimen of *Larus atricilla* in the British Museum, said to be the one killed by Montagu at Winchelsea; and came to the conclusion that the bird in question was not Montagu's specimen. Mr. Saunders likewise exhibited a specimen of *Puffinus griseus* killed off the Yorkshire coast. — A letter was read from Dr. Ch. W. Lütken, Foreign Member, calling attention to a specimen of an Echidna in the Zoological Museum of Copenhagen, which seemed to be different from the ordinary *Tachyglossus aculeatus*, and which Dr. Lütken was of opinion might possibly be referable to the lately described *T. Lawesi* of New Guinea. — Mr. J. E. Harting, F.Z.S., exhibited and made observations on some Antlers of Roe Deer from Dorsetshire and Scotland. — Mr. W. R. Ogilvie Grant read a paper on the Fishes of the genera *Sicydium* and *Lentipes* (belonging to the family Gobiidae), in which an attempt was made to arrange the species of *Sicydium* into smaller groups, the members of which were found to be allied together by convenient and distinctive characters. Five new species of *Sicydium* were described. — A communication was read from Mr. F. Moore, F.Z.S., on some new Asiatic Diurnal Lepidoptera, chiefly from specimens in the Calcutta Museum. — A communication was read from the Count T. Salvadori, C.M.Z.S., containing some critical remarks on an African Duck, *Anas capensis* Gmelin. — P. L. Slater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of London.

20th March, 1884. — In illustration of his paper — »A Contribution to the knowledge of the genus *Anaphe* Walker«, — Lord Walsingham exhibited a large and remarkable nest of a congregating moth, a species of the genus, from Natal. It contained a packed mass of Cocoons, specimens of the larvae and of the mature insect; there likewise was shown a living example of a Dipterous parasite which had emerged from the Moth eggs on hatching. His Lordship further stated that the nest and contents had been forwarded to him by Col. J. H. Bowker of Durban, and that the larvae were found alive on its receipt in England in August last. The nest was placed in the Insectarium in the Zoological Gardens Regents Park and fortunately some of the perfect insects were reared. Many of the larvae remained in the nest but others in companies of 20 to 40 occasionally marched out moving in closely serried rank much after the manner of the larvae of the Procession Moth (*Cnethocampa*). From December to February 250 moths emerged, but from the difficulty of obtaining their natural food all died, though a pair bred and the eggs were hatched. The mature Insect closely resembles and possibly is identical with the type of *Anaphe panda* Boisd., though under the latter name at would seem there are several well marked local races. The genus is found in West-Africa and Natal; but it appears that in the several species

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