

processes at the aboral pole. — 6. Revision of the Recent Rhipidoglossate and Docoglossate Mollusca of New Zealand. By Professor F. W. Hutton, F.G.S. The synonymy of all the species is fully given, with, in many instances, revised descriptions and notes on the dentition where known. — 7. Notes on hybridism in the genus *Brachychiton*. By Baron Ferd. von Mueller, K.C.M.G., M.D., Ph.D., F.R.S., etc. The plant which is the subject of this paper is a beautiful tree of 40 feet in height and a stem diameter of 1 foot, grown at Fern Hill, near Penrith, New South Wales, and is an undoubted hybrid between *Brachychiton populneum* and *Brachychiton acerifolium*. Like most hybrids, the flowers never perfect their seed. — Mr. W. A. Haswell read the following note: — »In part 7, of the Transactions of the Linnean Society (September, 1883), is a paper by Mr. A. G. Bourne« »On certain Points in the Anatomy of the Polynoina, and on *Polynoë* (*Lepidodotus* Leach) *clava* of Montagu«, in which occurs the following foot-note: — »Since this was written Mr. W. A. Haswell, M.A., B.Sc., in »A Monograph of the Australian Aphroditea« (Proc. Linn. Soc., New South Wales, (Vol. VII.), has described the segmental organ in *P. (Antinoë) praeclara*, and *P. (Antinoë) Wahlbi* allied to *P. pellucida* Ehlers. That author has also arrived at the conclusion that Ehlers has not seen the true segmental organs, but only intestinal caeca, he describes the former as opening at the ventral tubercles, but does not give any figures.« — Now my paper on the above subject which contained among other matter an account of the nephridia or segmental organs of *Polynoë* was published, not after Mr. Bourne's, as might be inferred from the sentence quoted above, but several months before the latter was even read. — My paper was read in June, 1882, and published in August of the same year. Mr. Bourne's was read on January 18th, 1883, and published in September of that year. I therefore had priority in publication by a year. Moreover, I published a paper on the Segmental Organs of *Polynoë*, in the *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, of September, 1882, five months before Mr. Bourne's communication to the Linnean Society was read. Whatever credit, therefore, is due to priority of discovery, rests unmistakably with me, and not with Mr. Bourne, and his note on the subject is calculated to convey an erroneous impression. — Mr. Haswell also read a note on the claspers of *Heptanchus*.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Milano. Dr. Angelo Andres, früher Assistent an der Zoologischen Station zu Neapel, ist vom 1. Januar dieses Jahres an a. o. Professor der Zoologie und vergl. Anatomie am Museo civico in Mailand.

Necrolog.

Am 2. Mai starb in Douglas, Isle of Man, Edwin Birchall, 65 Jahre alt, bekannt als Lepidopterolog.

Anfang Juni starb in Kopenhagen J. C. Schiødte, der verdienstvolle Herausgeber der *Entomologisk Tidsskrift*.

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