

2. Zoologische Station der Niederländischen Zoologischen Gesellschaft.

Die Station der Gesellschaft, welche während der Monate Juli und August für Studierende geöffnet sein wird, ist unweit Vlissingen, ganz nahe der Stelle wo der »Flushing-Queensborough« Dampfer abfährt, errichtet. Die Station ist mit Leuchtgas versehen und verfügt über einen sehr tüchtigen Diener, der seit Jahren als Fischer und Sammler für Laboratorien und Aquarien beschäftigt war.

Von den vier oder fünf Arbeitstischen der Station kann wahrscheinlich — für beide Monate oder auf kürzere Zeit — einer zur Verfügung eines ausländischen Zoologen gestellt werden. Man wende sich an den Secretär des Vorstandes,

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Adresse: Vlissingen, Zoologische Station.

3. Zoological Society of London.

3rd June, 1884. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of May, and called special attention to a Tree-Porcupine, purchased May 1st, probably referable to *Sphingurus spinosus*, which was new to the Society's Collection; to four Soft-billed Ducks (*Hymenolaemus malacorhynchus*), received May 17th from the Acclimatization Society of Canterbury, N.Z.; and to two pairs of Francolins of different species, obtained by Mr. E. Lort Phillips, F.Z.S., on the Somali Coast, and presented by him May 23rd. — A letter was read from Mr. Albert A. C. Le Souëf, C.M.Z.S., of the Zoological Gardens, Melbourne, giving an account of the unusual occurrence of two young ones being produced from one egg laid by a Black-necked Swan. The writer described the appearance of these cygnets, which were much smaller than a companion bird of the same age. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a paper upon the visceral anatomy of *Hapalemur griseus*, and called attention to the various points of difference between this species and *Hapalemur simus*. — Mr. A. D. Bartlett read a paper on some singular hybrids of Bovine Animals bred in the Society's Gardens. — Mr. G. E. Dobson, F.R.S., read a paper on the unimportance of the presence or absence of the hallux as a generic character in Mammalia, as evidenced by the gradual disappearance of this digit within the limits of a single genus (*Talpa*). — A communication was read from Mr. H. W. Bates, containing a list of the Coleoptera of the families Carabidae and Scarabaeidae collected by the late Mr. W. A. Forbes on the Lower Niger. Of these three appeared to be previously undescribed. — Dr. Carl Lumholtz read a paper containing notes upon some Mammals which he had recently discovered in Queensland. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Würzburg. Die Stelle eines Assistenten am zoologisch-zootomischen Institute der Universität ist Herrn Dr. J. Biehringer übertragen worden.

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