

of the *Echinioidea*, with critical notes, etc. — Mr. Macleay also exhibited for Mr. Wilkins on, a number of Helix-like Shells, wound spirally round the leaf-stalks of a species of Eucalyptus, at Branxton, on the Hunter. These shells, though calcareous, were pronounced not to be the production of any Molluscous animal, and the general opinion was that they must be egg cases of some insect. — Mr. Dean exhibited a very perfect specimen of a caterpillar fungus (*Sphaeria Robertsii*) from New Zealand. — A large collection of Shells and Echinodermata from Cossack, Western Australia, sent by Mr. J. F. Bailey, of Melbourne, for exhibition were on the table. Among the rareties were *Conus trigonus* Reeve, *Conus Victoriae* Reeve, *Ancillaria cingulata* Sowb., *Ancillaria elongata* Gray, *Olivæ Caldanian* Duclos, *Spondylus Wrightianus* Cross. Mr. Bailey also sent some packets of sand and other microscopic material for distribution among the members of the Society. — Dr. Cox exhibited a cluster of mud oysters, some of them measuring seven inches long by six broad, from Eden, Twofold Bay. It was unusual to find this kind of oyster attached either to others of its kind as in this instance, or to rocks. Formerly this species, judging from the number of the shells found in the cooking ovens at the camps of the natives along our shores, was very abundant, but is now fast disappearing. Although growing in abundance to the south, this oyster is never likely to become a marketable commodity, owing to the fact that it will not live beyond twenty-four hours out of the water. — Mr. John Brazier exhibited a fine specimen of a very rare fossil land shell — *Bulimus auris-vulpina* from St. Helena, which Mr. Ramsay had obtained from the authorities at the British Museum. — E. P. Ramsay, F.L.S., etc. exhibited on behalf of Mr. A. Campbell, of Melbourne, a specimen of *Pachycephala rufogularis* (Gould), in a remarkable rufescent stage of plumage. The whole of the head, fore and hind neck, chest, sides, and centre of the abdomen, were of a rich rust red, the interscapular region, rump, wing coverts and secondaries, washed with the same colour. The specimen was shot near Melbourne some months ago, in company with another of apparently the same plumage.

#### IV. Personal-Notizen.

London. Als Nachfolger Prof. Flower's, welcher zum Director des Naturhistorischen Museums (British Mus.) in South Kensington ernannt worden ist, ist Mr. Charles Stewart zum Conservator des Hunterian Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields (R. College of Surgeons) gewählt worden.

#### Necrolog.

Am 21. März starb Dr. Allen Thomson in London. Am 2. April 1809 in Edinburg geboren, wurde er 1830 daselbst zum Dr. med. promovirt, begann bald darauf Anatomie zu lehren und wurde 1839 Professor der Anatomie in London (Marischal College). Im Jahre 1841 ging er als Professor der Physiologie in Edinburg nach Schottland zurück und trat 1848 die Professur der Anatomie in Glasgow an, von welcher er sich im Jahre 1877 in den Ruhestand nach London zurückzog.

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