

fact which explains their sudden appearance in swarms after heavy rain in places which had been previously quite dry. No trace of external gills have been detected. A fuller account is in course of preparation. — Mr. A. Sidney Olliff exhibited the Coleoptera belonging to the groups *Clavicornia* and *Rhynchophora*, collected by Mr. Edward Whymper during his ascent of Chimborazo, Pichincha, and other mountains in Ecuador. The species were mostly small and dull coloured, but were of great interest on account of their having been obtained at elevations varying from 1400 to 16000 feet. They will be fully described in the Natural History Appendix to Mr. Whymper's forthcoming work. — Mr. E. P. Ramsay, F.R.S.E., Curator of the Australian Museum, exhibited (1) a very large specimen of a sea urchin, *Tripneustes angulosus*, from the New South Wales Coast. (2) An Albino Tui or »Parson bird« from New Zealand *Prothemadera Novae-Zelandiae*, and (3), an Albino Ground Parrot, *Psephotus haematonotus*, which latter bird had been presented to the Museum by Mr. McCooley of Dubbo. This bird was obtained near Warren. — Mr. Ramsay also read a letter from Sir Richard Owen respecting a new species of *Thylacoleo*, the bones of which had been recently discovered in the Wellington Caves. — Mr. Macleay exhibited four immature specimens of *Holostoma alatum*, the *Distoma alatum* of Rudolphi, from a very young puppy. He said that this is believed to be the only Trematode Worm which infests Dogs, but is much more common in the wild species, as the Wolf and Fox, than in the domestic animal. Its History is unknown. — Mr. Ratte made a note of some corrections required in Plate 9, Vol. X, of the Society's Proceedings, containing figures of *Ptychomphalus*. — Dr. Cox made some observations on the migrations of the Maray, the fish known as the »Australian Pilchard« and »Picton Bloater«, *Clupea sagax*, and called attention to the importance of ascertaining the time and place of spawning.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Lausanne. An Stelle von Prof. Du Plessis ist Dr. Henri Blanc zum Professor der Zoologie an der naturwissenschaftlichen Facultät der Academie in Lausanne ernannt worden.

Necrolog.

Am 14. Mai starb in Montpellier Dr. Ernest Dubrueil, 56 Jahre alt, Sohn des Anatomen Dubrueil. Zum Juristen erzogen und im Begriffe in den Verwaltungsdienst einzutreten, erlitt er im Alter von 25 Jahren eine Hemiplegie, welche ihn veranlaßte, seine Laufbahn aufzugeben und sich seinen früheren Nebenbeschäftigungen ausschließlich zu widmen. Anatomische und faunistische Arbeiten über die Mollusken Süd-Frankreichs machten ihn weiteren Kreisen bekannt. Im Juni 1872 erschien das erste Heft der von ihm gegründeten und bis 1881 redigirten Revue des Sciences Naturelles, eine Sammlung werthvoller Mittheilungen vorwiegend naturgeschichtlichen und vergleichend anatomischen Inhalts, welche seit jenem Jahre von Professor A. Sabatier weiter geführt wird.

Am 25. Juli starb in Haarlem Dr. H. Weyenbergh, Professor der Zoologie in Córdoba, im Alter von 42 Jahren.

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