

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

2nd March, 1886. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February 1886, and called attention to the receipt of five examples of a large Batrachian of the Argentine Republic, there called »Escuerzo« (*Ceratophrys ornata*), presented by Dr. Frederick C. Strutt, and to a Mantled Buzzard (*Leucopternis palliata*) from Brazil, purchased February 15th, being the first example of this fine Bird of Prey received by the Society. — Mr. J. G. Millais, F.Z.S., exhibited an adult specimen of the Ivory Gull, shot by himself near Thurso, in December 1885, also a young example of the same species, obtained in Scotland in 1879. — Mr. T. D. A. Cockerell exhibited a living Slug of the genus *Parmacella*, obtained at Tangier, and probably referable to *P. Valenciennesi*. — A communication was read from Prof. R. Collett, C.M.Z.S., containing an account of a new Pediculate fish from the sea off Madeira belonging to the family Ceratiidae, which the author proposed to call *Linophryne lucifer*. — Mr. P. L. Sclater read a note on the external characters of the head of *Rhinoceros sinus* as compared with those of *R. bicornis*. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a note on the air-sacs of the Cassowary. — A second paper by Mr. Beddard treated of the syrinx and some other points in the anatomy of certain forms of Caprimulgidae. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

2. Linnean Society of London.

18th March 1886. — The only Zoological paper read was on the Madrepোরaria of the Mergui Archipelago by Prof. P. Martin Duncan. The large Collections from Mergui were obtained personally by Dr. John Anderson F.R.S. Curator of the Imperial Museum of India, Calcutta. The fauna consists of eighty four species of which thirteen are new to science. The new species are described and their variability commented upon. The alliances of the fauna as a whole are with that of the Red Sea, Indian Ocean, Chinese seas and of the great Islands to the east. The author makes frequent references to the coral alliances with a fauna described many years ago from the Panama province, by Verrill. The fauna contains so many encrusting species of Corals that they give it a definite facies. In conclusion the distinctness of the Tertiary coral faunas of India from that of Mergui is announced. — J. Murie.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Berlin. Dr. Karl Heider (früher in Graz) hat sich an der Berliner Universität für Zoologie habilitirt.

Necrolog.

Am 27. Febr. starb in Königsberg i/Pr. Professor Berthold Benecke, 43 Jahre alt, bekannt durch seine der Ichthyologie und Piscicultur gewidmeten Arbeiten.

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