

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Zoological Society of London.

20th April, 1886. — Mr. O. Salvin, F.R.S., exhibited a living specimen of a foreign worm (*Bipalium kewense*), found in a garden in Sussex. The Secretary read an extract from a letter addressed by Mr. R. A. Sterndale, F.Z.S., to Sir Victor Brooke, concerning a case of hybridism between *Oris Hodgsoni* and *O. Vignei*. — Mr. J. Bland Sutton, F.Z.S., read a paper in which he gave an account of some of the investigations he had made during the past twelve months into the diseases affecting the Mammals living in the Society's Collection. — A communication was read from Dr. O. Finch, C.M.Z.S., describing a new species of Wild Pig from New Guinea, which he proposed to call *Sus niger*. — Mr. Smith Woodward read a paper on the relations of the mandibular and hyoid arches in a Cretaceous Shark (*Hybodus dubriensis*, Mackie). — A communication was read from Prof. R. Collett, of Christiania, C.M.Z.S., containing an account of the hybrid between the Willow-Grouse (*Lagopus albus*) and the Black Grouse (*Tetrao tetrix*), which occurs occasionally in Norway, Sweden, and Northern Russia, and of which the author had examined altogether thirteen specimens, most of them of the male sex. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger, F.Z.S., gave the description of a new Iguanoid Lizard living in the Society's Gardens, for which he proposed the name of *Ctenosaura erythromelas*. The exact locality was unknown. — A second paper by Mr. Boulenger contained remarks on specimens of a scarce European Frog (*Rana arvalis*) exhibited in the Society's Menagerie.

4th May, 1886. — The Secretary read a report on the additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April 1886, and called attention to an example of a Lizard belonging to a new species of the genus *Ctenosaura*, which Mr. Boulenger had lately described as *C. erythromelas*, obtained by purchase; and to a fine male example of the Lesser Koodoo (*Strepsicerus imberbis*) from Somali-land, received in exchange. — Mr. E. L. Layard, F.Z.S., exhibited a fine example of a rare Beetle of the family Cerambycidae (*Macrotoma heros*), obtained in the Fiji Islands; and a series of specimens of shells of the genus *Bulimus* from New Caledonia and the adjacent islands. — A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Styan, F.Z.S., relating to some Chinese animals of which he had lately obtained specimens. — Mr. W. F. Kirby read some remarks on four rare species of Sphingidae, of which he had lately examined specimens. — Mr. F. E. Beddard read a paper containing observations on the ovarian ovum of Lepidosiren (*Protopterus*), and described the entrance of follicular cells into the interior of the ovum. It was believed that these cells played an important part in the formation of the yolk. — Mr. Beddard also communicated a paper by Mr. J. T. Cunningham, on the mode of attachment of the ovum of the Smelt (*Osmerus eperlanus*). — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Necrolog.

Am 30. Januar starb in Cochabamba (Bolivia) Professor Eugen von Boeck, Mitglied des permanenten internationalen ornithologischen Comitès.

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