

2. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

28th April, 1886. — 1) On some Lepidoptera from the Fly River, New Guinea. By E. Meyrick, B.A., F.E.S. Mr. Meyrick's paper contains an account of the Lepidoptera (Heterocera), collected by the recent New Guinea Expedition. Specimens of twenty-five species were met with, of which fifteen appear to be new, and are described by Mr. Meyrick. Nearly all of these may be said to be of normal Indo-Malayan types. A few specimens, from their bad condition, were unidentifiable or unfit for description. — 2) Catalogue of the described Coleoptera of Australia. Part IV. By George Masters. This part contains the names of, and references to, all the known species of the Families — *Trixagidæ*, *Eucnemidæ*, *Elateridæ*, *Cebrionidæ*, *Rhipidoceridæ*, *Dascillidæ*, *Malacodermidæ*, *Cleridæ*, *Lymexylonidæ*, *Cupesidæ*, *Ptinidæ*, *Cioidæ*, *Bostrychidæ*, *Tenebrionidæ*, *Cistelidæ*, *Pythidæ*, *Monommatidæ*, *Melandyridæ*, *Lagriidæ*, *Pedilidæ*, *Anthicidæ*, *Pyrochroidæ*, *Mordellidæ*, *Rhipidophoridæ*, *Cantharidæ*, and *Oedemeridæ*; numbering 1,494 species. — 3) Miscellanea Entomologica. By William Macleay, F.L.S., etc. This is the first of a series of papers descriptive of some of the new or rare Coleoptera in the Macleay Museum. The intention of the author is to accompany these descriptions with a general review of the genera or groups dealt with. The present paper is a revision of the genus *Diphucephala*, to which over 20 new species are added. — 4) A Revision of the Staphylinidæ of Australia. By A. Sidney Olliff, F.E.S., Assistant Zoologist, Australian Museum. Part I. The object of this paper is to furnish entomologists with descriptions of all the Australian Staphylinidæ at present known, to summarise the characters of the genera, and to make known a number of new forms. This first part contains the sub-family Aleocharinæ, of which the tribes Aleocharina, Gyrophaenina and Gymnusina are all represented. Among the most remarkable of the new forms belonging to the first of these tribes is a species from N. S. Wales described under the name *Apphiana veris* (gen. et sp. nov.), and characterized by having the basal joints of the antennæ enormously dilated on the outer side; the 2nd joint being twice as broad as long, the 3rd equally broad but shorter, the 4th, 5th and 6th shorter and gradually decreasing in breadth; in *facies* the species resembles a *Pelioptera*. — 5. Notes from the Australian Museum. By E. P. Ramsay, F.R.S.E., etc., and J. Douglas Ogilby. Two species of Fish are described in this paper, *Myripristis carneus*, from the Admiralty Islands, presented to the Australian Museum by Capt. Farrell, and *Syngnathus parviceps* from the Clarence River district, presented by Mr. Temperly, Inspector of Fisheries. — The Hon. James Norton exhibited a number of Fossils (Chaetetes and Spirifers) from Black Head, a few miles south of Kiama. Also, specimens of a porphyritic rock from Coolangatta, Shoalhaven, with the large crystals present in some, and decomposed by weathering in others. — Mr. Fletcher exhibited two stages of the segmenting ova of *Pseudophryne Bibronii*, and tadpoles of the same species, still enclosed in their gelatinous envelopes, but ready to hatch on gaining access to water. — Mr. Masters exhibited a fine collection of Land Shells from Cairns, Queensland, among which were large specimens of *Helix bipartita*, *H. Macgillivrayi*, *H. Franklandensis*, and *Vitrina Brazieri*.

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