

III. Mittheilungen aus Museen, Instituten etc.

1. Mittheilung.

Herr Pietro Bonomi, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 84, Cagliari, Sardinia, ist in der Lage, sämmtliche auf der Insel vorkommende Vögel, Säugethiere (namentlich auch Mufflons), Reptilien, Insecten, Mollusken, Fische, so wie auch ganze Herbarien oder einzelne seltene Pflanzen zu mäßigen Preisen zu liefern. Seit dem Frühjahr 1885, zu welcher Zeit ich eine Reise durch Sardinien mit Herrn Bonomi machte, bin ich mit ihm bekannt und befreundet und empfehle denselben den Herren Fachgenossen und Interessenten auf das Wärmste als wackeren Mann und tüchtigen Sammler.

Bonn, den 3. Juli 1886.

Prof. G. vom Rath.

2. Anatomische Anstalt in Greifswald.

Am 1. October d. J. wird die mit einem etatsmäßigen Gehalt von 1350 Mark verbundene Stelle eines Assistenten frei. Nähere Auskunft ertheilt der Director J. Budge.

3. Zoological Society of London.

29th June, 1886. — The Secretary exhibited, on behalf of Mr. John Brazier, of Sydney, N.S.W., C.M.Z.S., a series of eggs of the Pacific Porphyrio (*Porphyrio vitiensis*); and read a note showing the extraordinary fecundity of an individual of this species, which had laid in seven years 491 eggs. — The Secretary read a letter addressed to him by Capt. Vippan, F.Z.S., giving particulars of the nesting of a South-American Siluroid Fish (*Callichthys littoralis*) in his aquarium. — A communication was read from Mr. Gilbert C. Bourne, containing general observations on the fauna of Diego Garcia, the southernmost island of the Chagos Group, situated in the centre of the Indian Ocean. — Mr. Howard Saunders read a paper containing a description of the collection of birds obtained by Mr. Gilbert C. Bourne on the island of Diego Garcia. The species represented in the collection were stated to be fourteen in number, of which one only was a land-bird (introduced), the remainder being oceanic birds or migrants of wide distribution. — Mr. J. Bland Sutton, F.Z.S., read a paper on the intervertebral disk between the odontoid process and the centrum of the axis in man. — Prof. R. Ramsay Wright, F.Z.S., gave an account of *Sphyrnura Osleri*, a recently-discovered ectoparasitic Trematode, intermediate between *Gyrodactylus* and *Polystomum*, which infests the gills and skin of *Menobranchus*. — A communication was read from Mr. Gervase F. Mathew, R.N., F.Z.S., containing descriptions of a new genus and some new species of Rhopalocera which he had obtained during a recent visit to the Solomon Islands. — Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read a paper containing an account of a collection of birds from Perak, which contained examples of several forms hitherto only known from Sumatra. — A second paper by Mr. Sharpe continued the series of his notes on the specimens in the Hume

Collection of Birds in the British Museum. The present communication treated of some of the Rose Finches, of *Lalage melanothorax*, and of some Flycatchers of the genus *Siphia*. — Mr. Arthur G. Butler, F.Z.S., read a paper on a series of Lepidoptera collected by Major Yerbury at Campbellpore, Western India. The collection contained examples of 177 species, many of them represented by a fair series of specimens. Six of the Butterflies and nineteen of the Moths were described as new. — Mr. Selater read a list of a collection of birds obtained by Mr. H. Berkeley James, F.Z.S., from the province of Tarapacá, Northern Chili. The collection contained 147 skins, referable to 52 species, amongst which was a new three-toed Flamingo of special interest, which was proposed to be called *Phaenicopterus Jamesi*. — Mr. A. Smith Woodward read a note on the presence of a columella (epipterygoid) in the skull of Ichthyosaurus. — Mr. Herbert Druce, F.Z.S., read a paper containing the description of some new species of Heterocera from Tropical Africa. — Mr. Boulenger, F.Z.S., read a report on the additions made to the Batrachian Collection in the Natural History Museum since the publication of his catalogue. To the report were added descriptions of some new species, the most interesting of which was a new Newt (*Geomolge Fischeri*) from the Ussuri River, Mantchuria. — P. L. Selater, Secretary.

4. Linnean Society of New South Wales.

26th May, 1886. — 1) Notes on some Australian Tertiary Fossils. By Captain F. W. Hutton, Hon. Mem. Linn. Soc. N.S.W. In this paper, which is based on the examination of a fine collection of Australian Tertiary Fossils recently sent to the Canterbury Museum by Professor Tate of Adelaide, Captain Hutton enumerates seventeen species of Molluscs and Echinoderms which are common to the Tertiary strata both of Australia and New Zealand, and deals with their synonymy. — 2) Geological. — 3) Jottings from the Biological Laboratory, Sydney University. By W. A. Haswell, M.A., B.Sc. — 4) Geological. — 5) List of the Rhizopoda of N. S. Wales. By Thomas Whitelegge. The list contains 24 species, with exact localities, and notes on collecting, preserving and mounting Rhizopods. The species are mostly identical with those found in Europe, America, and India. Amongst those of interest the following may be mentioned: — *Arcella dentata*, Ehr.; *Pelomyxa palustris*, Greeff; *Raphidiophrys elegans*, Hert. and Less.; *Clathrulina elegans*, Cienkowski, and *Biomyxa vagans*, Leidy. — Mr. Haswell exhibited a living individual of the species *Astacopsis serratus*, the red variety from Mr. Wilson, which when alarmed or angry emits a distinct »fuffing« sound produced by friction of the joints of the abdomen on one another. Also, a *Cicada*, showing the muscular apparatus and other arrangements by which the »song« commonly but erroneously referred to the vibrating »tympana« is produced. Mr. Wilkinson exhibited a series of bones, scutes, etc., of *Megalania*, a gigantic Lizard from Lord Howe Island, fossilized in a coral rock of loose structure. Dr. Ramsay showed that the species must be regarded as quite distinct from *M. prisca*, Owen, found on the Upper Condamine. — Mr. Wilkinson also exhibited the right ramus of the lower jaw of *Thylacoleo carnifer*, in absolutely perfect condition, and probably, in other respects also, the finest specimen ever discovered. — Mr. Macleay exhibited a

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