

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

specimen of *Caranx ciliaris*, a rather rare fish from Port Jackson, presented to him by J. R. Hill, Esq. — The President exhibited a species of Lamprey (*Mordacia*) from the Nepean River, at Camden. Also an engraving of a very extraordinary *Ichthyodorulite* from the Carboniferous formation in West Australia. Dr. Woodward, who describes it, refers it to the genus *Edestus*, a Carboniferous form from N. America. — Mr. Whitelegge exhibited living specimens of *Amœba radiosa*, *A. verrucosa*, and *Clathrulina elegans*, also a number of mounted slides, containing many of the species enumerated in his list.

5. Società Entomologica Italiana in Firenze.

Adunanza generale del 29 Giugno, 1886. — Emery, C., Osservazioni sugli amori delle Lucciole (*Luciola italica*). — De-Bertolini, Stef., Catalogo dei Coleotteri del Trentino: Cicindelidi, Carabidi e Ditisциdi. — Bargagli, P., Biologia di Rincofori europei (cont. e fine). — Fiori, A., Note entomologiche: Sul gen. *Ancylopus* e sul *Podabrus Majori* Piccioli. — Garbini, Adr. Contribuzione all' Anatomia ed Istiologia delle Cypridinae. — Roster, D. A., Studi sulle larve degli Odonati. — Dei, A., Notizie di Entomologia agraria del terr. di Siena. — Targioni Tozzetti, Ad., Su alcuni insetti agrari. — Il Segretario G. Cavanna.

IV. Personal-Notizen.

Deutsche Universitäten: 2. Bonn.

Prof. ord. Dr. Franz von Leydig, Director des anatom. Instituts, Abtheilung für vergleich. Anatomie, Director des zoologischen Museums und Instituts; Geh. Medicinalrath.

Provis. Assistent des zoolog. Museums: Carl Neuland.

Dr. med. et phil. Dietrich Barfurth, Assistent des anatom. Instituts.

Prof. ord. Dr. Clem. Schlüter, Director des palaeontologischen Museums und Instituts.

Dr. Otto Follmann, Assistent des palaeontologischen Museums.

Prof. extraord. Dr. Phil. Bertkau, Vorsteher des Seminars f. d. ges. Naturwissenschaft.

Berichtigung.

In dem Verzeichnisse von Berlin hat sich eine Verwechslung eingeschlichen. Dr. A. von Heider ist Privatdocent der Zoologie in Graz. Statt dessen ist zu lesen: Dr. Karl Heider, Privatdocent (Schützenstraße 79. S.W.).

Necrolog.

Am 9. (10.) Juni starb in Bedford Dr. med. John Arthur Power, ein geschätzter Coleopterolog. Er war am 18. März 1810 geboren.

Berichtigung.

In No. 219 p. 207 (Note sur le développement des Céphalopodes par W. Schimkewitsch) muß es Z. 9 von unten (Text) heißen: »Les cellules de la paroi du sac coelomique« anstatt »du sac vitellin«.

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