

some Mammal, and received from Moreton Bay, Australia. — Mr. H. Seebohm, F.Z.S., exhibited a skin of what he considered to be a young individual of the Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons minutus*), shot in September last on Holy Island, off the coast of Northumberland, and observed that it was the first recorded example of the small form of the White-fronted Goose which had been obtained on the coasts of our islands. — Mr. Blanford, F.R.S., exhibited and made some remarks on a mounted specimen of a scarce Paradoxure (*Paradoxurus Jerdoni*) from the Neilgherry Hills in Southern India. — A communication was read from Col. Charles Swinhoe, F.Z.S., containing an account of the species of Lepidopterous insects which he had obtained at Mhow, in Central India. — A communication was read from Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, C.M.Z.S., containing an account of the anatomy of *Geococcyx californianus*. — Mr. Lydekker described three crania and other remains of *Scelidotherium*, two of the former being from the Argentine Republic and the third from Tarapaca, in Chili. One of the crania from the first locality he referred to the typical *S. leptcephalum* of Owen, while the second, which had been described by Sir R. Owen under the same name, he regarded as distinct, and proposed to call *S. Bravardi*. The Tarapaca form, which was characterized by the extremely short nasals, was also regarded as indicating a new species, for which the name of *S. chilense* was proposed. The author concluded that there were not sufficient grounds for separating Lund's proposed genus *Platyonyx* from *Scelidotherium*. — Mr. G. A. Boulenger pointed out that two distinct forms of the Batrachian genus *Bombinator* occur in Central Europe, and read notes on their distinctive characters and geographical distribution. — A communication was read from Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, containing a correction, with additional notes, upon the anatomy of the *Trochili*, *Caprimulgi*, and *Cypselidæ*. — A communication was read from Dr. R. A. Philippi, C.M.Z.S., containing a preliminary notice of some of the Tortoises and Fishes of the coast of Chili. — Mr. Sclater exhibited the head of, and made remarks upon, an apparently undescribed species of Gazelle from Somali-land. — P. L. Sclater, Secretary.

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18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1886. — Mr. A. D. Michael exhibited living specimens and preparations of an *Argas* received from Mrs. Crawford, the State Entomologist of Adelaide, Australia. These appear to be identical with the much dreaded *Argas persicus* Fischer, the bite of which was supposed to cause madness and death. — The fifth and concluding part of the Rev. A. E. Eaton's Monograph of the Recent Ephemeridae or Mayflies was read in abstract. The author states in his entire Memoir 55 genera and 270 species have been characterized, in addition to 11 nameless nymphs, and 19 species named by other authors which cannot now be classified exactly. Amongst them 5 genera and 68 species may be reckoned new to science and 13 of the older species have had to be renamed. He gives a revised and comprehensive summary of the groups, series, sections and genera, a full description of the figures in the plates and complete index to the species and contents generally of the quarto volume. — J. Murie.

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