

## ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 1901.

E. A. SMITH, F.Z.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Miss E. P. F. Bury was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read :—

1. "Note on the occurrence of *Planorbis Stroemii*, Westerl., in the Holocene Deposits of the Thames Valley and its possible identity with *P. Draparnaudi*." By A. S. Kennard and B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

2. "List of the known forms of Volutidæ from South Africa, with a description of a new species of *Voluta* from Natal." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

3. "Description of *Cymbiola Mangeri*, a supposed new species of Volute from the Falkland Islands." By H. B. Preston, F.Z.S., etc.

4. "On three New Operculates (*Cyclotus*) from Columbia." By S. I. Da Costa.

Exhibits were placed on the table by the following :—

R. H. Burne: A wax model of the nervous system of *Nucula*, reconstructed from sections by drawing on wax plates with a camera lucida. The model showed that Pelseneer is incorrect in representing, as he does, a distinct pleural ganglion in this mollusc.

H. B. Preston: A specimen of *Rapa papyracea*, Lam., with its operculum.

E. R. Sykes: Specimens of *Cyclophorus* from Sumatra and *Streptaxis* from Annam.

M. F. Woodward: Specimen of *Volutilithes spinosa*, Lam., *V. luctatrix*, Sol., and *V. digitalina*, Lam. Attention was drawn to the great similarity which the latter form presented to the living *V. (Volutocorbis) abyssicola*, Ad. & Rve., and comparisons were made with *Volutilithes Philippiana* of Dall. These showed that the latter differed far more from the type of the genus (*V. spinosa*) than did *V. abyssicola*, which Dall places in the subgenus *Volutocorbis*.

J. E. S. Moore: Specimens of *Typhobia Horei*, Smith, from the northern and southern ends of Lake Tanganyika, suggesting that the southern was a long- and the northern a short-spined form.

A. S. Kennard & B. B. Woodward, E. A. Smith, H. B. Preston, and S. I. Da Costa: Specimens in illustration of their respective papers.

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