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No animal is more easily traced. In other aspects, too, they present interesting points for study, perhaps of general interest in zoological science.

Dr. Zantzinger offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a member of the Society be appointed to prepare a new and extended "Notice of the Academy," to be read before the Society, and designed for publication.

The Chairman, on motion being authorized to make the appointment, selected Dr. Ruschenberger, who accepted the same.

ELECTION.

The Rev. Lorenzo L. Langstroth, of Philadelphia, was elected a *Member* of the Academy.

October 7th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Dr. Leidy read a paper intended for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Corrections and Additions to former papers on Helminthology, published in the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia," which was referred to Dr. Zantzinger, Dr. Fisher, and Dr. Watson.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Geological Society of London, dated May 1st, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of recent numbers of the Proceedings.

Dr. Leidy remarked, the members probably recollected that a few evenings since he had mentioned, that it had been asserted by numerous and good authorities, that Gordii had been observed within the body of insects. He now exhibited a specimen of a Gordius and a grasshopper, preserved in a bottle of alcohol, which had been sent to him by his friend Dr. Budd, of Pemberton, New Jersey. The Gordius, Dr. Budd stated, was seen to come out of the body of the grasshopper, and in a half an hour afterwards died. It is a different species from those described a short time since. It is a female, about six inches long, by half a line in length, rigid, strongly marked by transverse wrinkles, and annuli, with the caudal extremity somewhat compressed and obtuse. To the species he gave the name Gordius robustus.

He also exhibited a species of Mermis from Brazil, belonging to the collection of the Academy. It is fourteen and a half inches long, and of a reddish brown color. To it he gave the name Mermis ferruginea.

October 14th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Mr. Cassin read a paper entitled "Catalogue of the Caprimulgidæ in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia,"

which was referred to Dr. Wilson, Col. G. A. McCall, and Dr. Watson.

Mr. Charles Girard read a paper entitled "Historical Sketch of the Gordiaciæ," which, being intended for publication, was referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Leidy, Dr. Hallowell, and Dr. Horner.

Dr. Fisher read a note from Dr. C. D. Meigs, announcing that he was now prepared to read before the Society his biographical Memoir of the late Dr. Morton.

Professor Horner narrated a case illustrating the extreme lethargy produced by the action of Carbonic acid gas on the human system. The individual, while engaged in burning lime, had fallen asleep during the night upon the edge of the kiln, and had been exposed to the action of this gas for many successive hours. A great part of the right fore arm, arm, scapula, and back had been severely burned, without the knowledge of the patient, until he was extricated by persons passing next morning.

Dr. Leidy presented for the inspection of the members a mutilated cranium of an extinct mammal, formerly characterized by him under the name of *Oreodon priscum*.^{*} It was one of five specimens of crania of the same species lately received through Professor Baird from the Smithsonian Institute. When first obtained, one side was completely enveloped within a matrix, upon the removal of which the complete dentition of the animal was disclosed. The teeth form a continuous arch as in *Anoplotherium*. The formula is m. $\frac{3}{3}$. p. m. $\frac{4}{3}$, c. $\frac{1}{1}$, i. $\frac{3}{3}$ upon each side.

Dr. L. also exhibited three inferior molars of the *Rhinoceros occidentalis*,[†] of which the posterior measured seventeen lines antero-posteriorly, and ten lines transversely; the others about fourteen lines antero-posteriorly, and ten lines transversely.

Dr. Fisher offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That an invitation be sent by the Secretary, through the Dean of each of the four Medical Colleges, of this city, to the students attending lectures at the respective institutions, to visit the Museum of the Academy on Tuesdays and Fridays, (public days,) and to inform them that they will be admitted upon exhibiting their matriculation tickets.

Mr. Vaux offered the following, which was also adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at a meeting of the Academy, held May 16th, 1851, to select a Biographer of the late Dr. Morton, be requested to obtain a suitable place for hearing the Memoir read, by Dr. Meigs, and to make such other arrangements as may be requisite.

^{*} Proc. Ac. Nat. Sci., 5, 238.

[†] Ibid, 119.

ERRATA IN VOL. V.

- Page 14, line 16 from bottom, for *Zeuker* read *Zenker*.
 " 22, " 10 " top, for *February* read *August*.
 " 55, " 23, " bottom, for *Plumus* read *Plumos*.
 " 117, " 16 " " for *Vol. 5* read *Vol. 4*.
 " 154, " 12 " top, for *necessarily* read *unnecessarily*.
 " 157, " 4 " bottom, for *Heidinger* read *Haidinger*.
 " 169, " 10 " top, for *Dikaj* read *Dijak*.
 " 209, " 7 " " for *isoseoles* read *isoscel-s*.
 " 209, " 10 " " for *joints* read *points*.
 " 210, " 5 " bottom, for *papulus* read *Passalus*.
 " 210, " 4 " " for *gulus* read *Julus*.
 " 212, " 21 " " for 8 read 13, and for 34 read 54.
 " 224, " 10 and 11 from bottom, for *Aspidagaster* read *Aspidogaster*.
 " 227, " 2 from bottom, insert John H. Brinton.
 " 256, " 5 " " for *Sowerly* read *Sowerby*.
 " 259, " 13 " " for *Statisque* read *Statistique*.
 " 275, " 10 " top, for *Longstreth* read *Langstroth*.
 " 276, " 19 " " for *robustum* read *priscum*.
 " 276, " 23 " " for *i. ¼* read *i. ¾*.
 " 276, " 2 " bottom, before "by" insert "read."
 " 295, " 8 " top, for *were* read *are*.
 " 296, " 5 " " for *Silliquaria* read *Sigillaria*.
 " 297, " 13 " " for *Ireland* read *Iceland*.
 " 297, bottom line, for *Arctos* read *maritimus*.
 " 301, line 21 from bottom, for *cinqe* read *cinque*.
 " 345, top line, for *puncticollis* read *poricollis*.
 " 357, line 21 from top, for *Coaco* read *Cocoa*.
 " 357, " 11 " bottom, for *Borneo* read *Africa*.
 " 357, bottom line, for *Fiuns* read *Finns*.