The sixty-sixth Meeting of the Club was held at the Restaurant Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, on Wednesday, the 13th of December, 1899.

Chairman: P. L. Sclater, F.R.S.


The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the loss which ornithological science had sustained by the death of Dr. A. C. Stark, who had been killed by a shell during the recent fighting at Ladysmith in Natal, whither he had repaired to render medical aid to the wounded soldiers.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the deceased naturalist was unanimously passed by the Meeting.

[December 30th, 1899.]
name of *M. cyanostictus*, Cab., in the 'Catalogue of Birds.' The bird called *M. meridionalis* by Dr. Sharpe was in truth the true *M. cyanostictus* of Cabanis, as Mr. Hartert had ascertained from a careful comparison of the original description and from a personal examination of the type in the Berlin Museum. He therefore proposed for the East African bird, *M. cyanostictus*, Sharpe et auct. (nee Cabanis), the amended name of

*Melittophagus sharpei*.

Further notes on these species of Bee-eater would be published in an early part of the 'Novitates Zoologicae.'

Mr. F. D. Godman forwarded the descriptions of two apparently new species of Peruvian birds:—

*Xenopipo subalaris*, sp. n.

♂ ad. Similis *X. atronitenti*, sed subalaribus et axillaribus niveis distinguenda. Long. tot. 4'9 poll., culm. 0'5, alæ 3'0, caudæ 1'95, tarsi 0'6.

♀ ad. Similis ♀ *X. atronitentis*, sed obscurior, sordide olivascenti-viridis, abdomen minimè flavicanti, et subalaribus niveis distinguenda. Long. tot. 5'0 poll., culm. 0'55, alæ 2'8, caudæ 1'9, tarsi 0'6.

_Hab._ Guayabamba, N. Peru (O. T. Baron).

*Columba vina*, sp. n.

♂ ad. Similis *C. flavirostri*, Wagl., et *C. rufinae*, Salvin, sed rostro ad basin flavo, ad apicem nigro: ab illo notaeo pulchrè vinaceo, ab hoc pileo et gutture vinaceo distinguenda. Long. tot. 14'0 poll., culm. 0'8, alæ 8'1, caudæ 5'0, tarsi 0'95.

_Hab._ Vina, Huamachuco, N. Peru (O. T. Baron).

Dr. Bowdler Sharpe described as new the following species of African birds:—

*Andropadus latissimus*, sp. n.

♂ ad. Colore *Xenocicha ictericae* ex Indiâ, sed præpectore paullulum olivascenti-viridi adumbrato: subcaudalibus olivascenti-flavis, hypochondriis concoloribus, nec laetè flavis distinguendus. Long. tot. 9'0 poll., culm. 0'85, alæ 4'4, caudæ 3'8, tarsi 1'0.

_Hab._ Nandi, Equat. Africa (F. J. Jackson).
Parisoma Jacksoni, sp. n.

♂ ad. Similis P. lugenti, Rüpp., sed pileo brunneo, dorso concolore distinguendus. Long. tot. 5'5 poll., culm. 0'5, alæ 2'6, caudæ 2'4, tarsi 0'9.


Obs. This specimen was referred (‘Ibis,’ 1892, p. 302) to Parisoma lugens (Rüpp.), but the rediscovery of the true P. lugens in Southern Abyssinia showed that the Elgon bird was a distinct species, and the describer was indebted to Mr. Ogilvie Grant for drawing his attention to the differences in the two forms.

Euprinoedes hildegardæ, sp. n.

♂. Similis E. schistaceo, Cass., sed rectricibus externis tantum albo marginatis, haud omnino albis, et pectore pallide cervino distinguenda. Long. tot. 4'0 poll., culm. 0'4, alæ 1'8, caudæ 1'75, tarsi 0'6.

Hab. Athi river, Masai Land (Dr. S. L. Hinde).

Bubo mackinderi, sp. n.

♂ ad. Similis B. capensi, sed subtus maculis magnis nigris triquetris notatus, hypochondriis sparse nigro fasciatis, et maculis nigris triquetris notatis. Long. tot. 22'5 poll., culm. 1'8, alæ 16'4, caudæ 8'2, tarsi 3'25.


Hab. Mount Kenia, E. Africa (13,000 feet).

Dr. Sharp also exhibited a series of specimens from the New Hebrides group of islands, procured by Capt. A. M. Farquhar, of H.M.S. ‘Wallaroo,’ and recently presented by him to the British Museum. Many rare species, such as Aplonis rufipennis, Layard, were in the collection, and the following, which appeared to be new, were described:—

1. Lalage flavotincta, sp. n.

Similis L. banksianæ, sed pectore toto, uropygio, secundariis intimis, tecticum et rectricum apicibus pulchre flavis. Long. tot. 6'2 poll., culm. 0'7, alæ 3'0, caudæ 2'3, tarsi 0'85.

Hab. Ins. ‘Espiritu Santo’ dictà.