

to the book, in which the author has endeavoured to give a very clear and comprehensive idea of these very interesting facts of Biological Science. Palæontology, that branch of Biological Science which is most essential for its complete understanding, is treated with great clarity and conciseness. The history of the ancestry of man forms a fit concluding chapter to this excellent book. The illustrations, we are glad to mention, are carefully chosen and excellently reproduced. The style of presentation leaves nothing to be desired. We are of opinion that the book can be used with considerable advantage by students studying Biology and we should recommend that it may be added to the libraries of all secondary schools and colleges.

L. S. R.

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The Pelecypoda of the Siboga Expedition.
 By B. Prashad, Zoological Survey of India.
 (Monograph LIIIc, 334 pp., 9 pls., Leiden,
 1932, with a chart of the track of the
 "Siboga" Expedition.)

The present work is the last of the series dealing with the Bivalve molluscs of the Indo-Pacific seas collected by the "Siboga" Expedition under the leadership of Dr. Max Weber. It includes a more or less complete systematic account of all the families of Pelecypoda except the Pectinidæ. Out of over 400 species and varieties of Bivalve molluscs brought back by the Expedition nearly a fourth represents the forms new to Science which are carefully described and

their affinities with known forms are indicated. The excellent photographs and drawings illustrating the salient features of not only the new forms but also of the little known species leave nothing to be desired. The exhaustive synonymic lists and the notes on the distribution and affinities of known species add greatly to the value of the work. There is also a useful index of genera and species at the end. The author deserves the thanks of all students of marine Pelecypoda for an important work of reference on the Indo-Pacific forms.

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The Tailless Batrachians of Japanese Empire. By Yaichiro Okada. (Imperial Agricultural Experiment Station, Tokyo, Japan: 1931). Pp. 215, with 29 plates and 97 text-figures.

Dr. Okada's memoir is one of the most beautifully illustrated publications on Batrachians published in any country. The author in addition to describing in great detail as many as fifty-nine species and sub-species of tailless Batrachians which occur in the Japanese Empire, has discussed in some detail the geographical distribution and the faunal elements in the Batrachians of Japan. Further, in addition to the descriptions of the external characters of the different species, detailed accounts about skeletal peculiarities are also included in the memoir.

B. P.

Coming Events.

South Indian Science Association.

(CENTRAL COLLEGE, BANGALORE.)

21st Oct. 6 P.M.

"Liquid Air", by Mr. G. Gundu Rao, M.Sc.,
 A.I.I.Sc., Indian Institute of Science,
 Bangalore.

31st Oct. 6 P.M.

"The Development of the Modern Transformer",

by Mr. Vokkaleri Rama Rao, B.Sc., Trans-
 former Expert to the Government of Mysore.
 11th Nov. 6 P.M.

"Ancient Hindu Astronomy", by Mr. K.
 Amrita Rao, M.A., L.T., Librarian, Indian
 Institute of Science.

Errata.

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Page 36, Column 2, Line 21, for "Latin Square
 Method" read "Checker-board Method".

Page 38, Column 1, Line 47, for "decrease"
 read "increase".