

of the typical form was spread by personal contact among Swedish paleontologists, and the first figured specimen of "*S.* pecten (Dalman, Kogl. vet. Akad. Handl. for 1827, p. 110, 1828) is probably conspecific with the specimen still preserved in the Linnaean cabinet.

This confusion seems to arise from a difference in method. Linnaeus presumably only intended to show the general appearance of his shell to other workers, not to establish a type specimen.

Since *Pterinopecten papyraceus* is a common shell, cited in European literature for over 100 years, strict interpretation of the rules would lead to confusion. Therefore I am applying to the International Committee for Zoological Nomenclature for a suspension of the rules in this case, so that the name "*S.* pecten (Linn.) can be retained for the Silurian brachiopod.

Other of the Linnaean species are similarly referred to figures which do not represent the species in its modern interpretation (e.g., such a common fossil as *Atrypa reticularis*) and, if the rules are suspended in the present case, a precedent will have been set up for the retention of those Linnaean species at present doubtful.

If the rules are suspended and "*S.* pecten (Linn.) is retained, I propose to figure and describe the specimen of "*Anomia* pecten in the Linnaean cabinet as the neotype.

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SOME PLEISTOCENE MAMMALS FROM WARREN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

MR. T. M. MUSSAEUS, president of the Limeton Lime Company at Limeton, about six miles south of Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia, informed us that in recent quarrying operations a fissure filled with red clay containing bones had been opened up. Unfortunately most of the material had been discarded before he learned of the find, but he secured a few teeth, which were brought to Washington and identified by Mr. Charles W. Gilmore. The animals represented were a lion (*Felix atrox*), a tapir (*Tapirus*, sp.) and a bear (*Euarctos*, sp.). In view of the very few notices of Pleistocene mammals from the caves of Virginia this occurrence seems worth recording.

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SOCIETIES AND MEETINGS

THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE forty-eighth annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science was held at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, on May 6 and 7 under the presidency of Charles G. Shatzer, of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and was by common consent one of the very best meetings of the academy ever held. The setting for the meeting was practically perfect, the College of Wooster, ably assisted by the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, having made every possible effort to anticipate and provide for the requirements, comfort and pleasure of all visiting scientists. The local committee on arrangements under the fine leadership of Professor Karl Ver Steeg was unusually efficient in caring for the many details incident to such a meeting.

The business portion of the meeting consisted of two short sessions, at which the following items of general interest were transacted, viz.:

(1) The academy authorized the formation of a new section to be known as the Section of Mathematics.

(2) The academy authorized the appointment of a special committee to cooperate with the Ohio director of education in an intensive study of the needs and requirements of science teachers in the public schools.

(3) It was voted to meet with the University of Cincinnati next year.

(4) The academy went on record as favoring a council form of government and authorized the appointment of a committee to study the constitution and by-laws and to suggest such changes as might be necessary to put such a form into operation at the next annual meeting.

(5) Passed a resolution approving the stand taken by the Western Society of Naturalists last December in opposition to the so-called "State Humane Pound Law" of California, the purport of which is to curtail animal experimentation by students of biology and medicine.

(6) The following five members were advanced to fellows in the academy: Dr. Fred A. Carlson, Ohio State University; Dr. Raymond A. Dobbins, Ohio Northern University; Dr. Robert A. Hefner, Miami University; Dr. Walter C. McNelly, Miami University; and Dr. John J. Wolford, Miami University.

(7) Sixty-one new members were elected, giving the academy at this time a membership slightly over five hundred.

(8) In preparation for the fiftieth anniversary in 1940 of the academy's organization, chairmen for the following committees were elected: *Publicity*, Edward S. Thomas; *Program*, Clarence H. Kennedy; *Speakers*, Frank J. Wright; *Historical Statistics and Lists*, Samuel Renshaw.