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THE second regular meeting of the Club was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, November 16th, 1892.

Chairman : HOWARD SAUNDERS.

Members present :—F. E. BEDDARD, F.R.S., E. BIDWELL, H. E. DRESSER, A. P. LOYD, E. NEALE, ROBERT H. READ, Capt. SAVILE REID, Count T. SALVADORI, HENRY SEEBOHM, Capt. HORACE TERRY, E. CAVENDISH TAYLOR, H. T. WHARTON, JOHN YOUNG.

Guest : ERNST HARTERT.

The Chairman announced that the number of Members who had joined the Club up to the 16th of November was 72.

Mr. HENRY SEEBOHM exhibited two examples of the Siberian Pectoral Sandpiper (*Tringa acuminata*) which had been obtained on the Norfolk coast. These are the only authentic instances of the occurrence of the species in Great Britain. A series of specimens of *T. acuminata* and its American ally, *T. maculata*, were placed on the table, and the differences between the two species and their geographical distribution were pointed out.

Count SALVADORI gave diagnostic characters for two new species of Pigeons of the genus *Phlogoenas*, as follows :—

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PHLOGÆNAS BIMACULATA, sp. n.

Phlogænas tristigmata, Gould (nec Temm.), B. Asia, vi. pl. 59 (1873).

Ph. Ph. tristigmatæ simillima, sed cervice in medio omninò æneâ, parte superiori maculis duabus lateralibus purpureis ornatâ; rectricibus quatuor mediis brunneis, 5^a utrinque griseâ, fasciâ subapicali brunneâ notatâ, quatuor extimis griseis, fasciâ subapicali nigrâ ornatis.

Hab. Makassar, S. Celebes.

PHLOGÆNAS ALBICOLLIS, sp. n.

Phlogænas sp., Wigglesw. Aves Polyn. p. 55, no. 286 (1891).

Ph. Ph. erythropteræ simillima, sed capite, collo cum pectore albis, distinguenda.

Hab. Bow Island, Pacific Ocean (*Belcher*).

The Hon. WALTER ROTHSCHILD communicated the description of a new species of Pigeon of the genus *Ptilopus*, which he proposed to call—

PTILOPUS SALVADORII, sp. n.

P. P. pectorali affinis, sed rostro longiore, colore lætiore, tectricibus alarum minoribus albo-cinerascente pustulatis, et gulâ inferiore luteo tinctâ haud difficile distinguendus. Long. tot. 8, alæ 4.4, caudæ 2.5.

Hab. Island of Jobi, in the Bay of Geelvink.

Mr. Rothschild pointed out that this new species was intermediate to a great extent between *P. pectoralis* and *P. musschenbroeki*. It is, however, most closely allied to *P. pectoralis*, from which species it is distinguished by the generally lighter shade of the ground-colour and by the characters given above in the diagnosis. The purple pectoral patch, which is somewhat irregular in shape in *P. pectoralis*, is slightly larger in *P. salvadorii*. It is much smaller than in *P. musschenbroeki*, and its inferior margin forms a straight line. In *P. pectoralis* the lesser wing-coverts are entirely unspotted, in *P. musschenbroeki* they have a large cinereous patch, while in *P. salvadorii* they have several distinct and separate spots of grey.