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nesting-box ; the cock Blue Robin, at the approach of cold weather, appropriated the former and the hen the latter as sleeping berths ; but the poor young cock was left out in the cold, which gradually brought on tuberculosis of the liver and spleen, from which he died on the night of Dec. 9th I should therefore recommend all who desire to keep these birds in an unheated structure to provide them with some box in a warm corner near the roof, into which they may creep to pass the winter nights.—A. G. BUTLER (Natural History Museum, South Kensington).

#### REPTILIA.

**A New Locality for *Lacerta viridis*.**—Mr. Norman Douglass states (p. 16) that the range of *Lacerta viridis*, Laur., in Baden, is apparently restricted to two points,—the Isteiner Klotz, a hill lying between Freiburg and Bâle, and the Kaiserstuhl, between Freiburg and the Rhine. I can add a third locality in the Grand Duchy. While living at Heidelberg, in 1887, my brother and I frequently met with this Lizard during the spring, in the grass on the north bank of the Neckar, a short distance above the town, which lies on the opposite side of the river. We invariably found the two sexes together, and on one occasion we found a pair in a hole in a bank several hundred feet up the hill, on the same side of the river. I kept a number in captivity during the summer of 1887, and they thrived well on earth-worms and butterflies, varying the monotony by devouring an occasional *L. agilis*. Mr. Douglass states that he has found the eggs “as early as the latter part of June,” but one of mine laid a number of eggs on June 10th, in the early morning, and another individual laid on June 15th. Perhaps I ought to state that I kept my Lizards between the double windows of my room, on the south side of the house, so that they got a large amount of sun. The first time that eggs were laid the male Lizards promptly seized some, and ate about three before I could stop them. The remainder of the eggs, and those laid subsequently, I placed in the sun to see whether they would hatch ; but they only shrivelled up, although union of the sexes had taken place before the eggs were laid.—E. E. AUSTEN (Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road).

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February 19, 1891.—Prof. STEWART, President, in the chair.

Messrs. A. W. Kappel, E. M'Clure, J. F. Braga, and W. M. Webb were admitted Fellows ; and Messrs. H. Jones, F. H. Coste, and A. W. Turnbull were elected.