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THE seventy-seventh Meeting of the Club was held at the Restaurant Frascati, 32 Oxford Street, on Wednesday, the 20th of March, 1901.

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

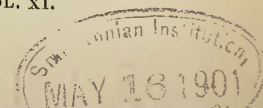
Members present:—E. BIDWELL, F. E. BLAAUW, J. L. BONHOTE, A. E. CROSSMAN, W. E. DE WINTON (*Treasurer*), H. E. DRESSER, A. H. EVANS, C. GARNETT, W. GOODFELLOW, F. H. CARRUTHERS GOULD, W. R. OGILVIE GRANT, E. HARTERT, G. E. LODGE, A. McL. MARSHALL, Colonel MASON, J. G. MILLAIS, E. S. MONTAGU, H. MUNT, E. NEALE, H. NOBLE, F. G. PENROSE, M.D., T. DIGBY PIGOTT, C.B., A. E. PRICE, C. B. RICKETT, Hon. L. WALTER ROTHSCHILD, M.P., F. SHARMAN, W. B. TEGETMEIER, A. THORBURN, N. F. TICEHURST, H. M. WALLIS, C. WHYMPER, E. A. WILSON, H. F. WITHERBY, C. A. WRIGHT.

Visitors: F. C. BARROW, Sir HUGH BEEVOR, Bart., G. EVANS, T. V. HODGSON, J. A. TREGELLEN.

Mr. W. R. OGILVIE GRANT exhibited, on behalf of Mr. Joseph I. S. Whitaker, an example of a new species of Long-tailed Titmouse which the latter had obtained in the interior of Sicily. In the Museum of Palermo Mr. Whitaker he had seen a solitary example of this *Acredula* obtained some years ago in the same wood from which his specimens had

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been procured. All were exactly alike in plumage. No other form of *Acredula* appeared to be found in Sicily, although Doderlein has stated that *A. irbii* was met with there.

Mr. Whitaker proposed to call the Sicilian bird

ACREDULA SICULA, n. sp.

Adult male and female. Most nearly allied to *A. caucasica* (Lorenz), but distinguished by its shorter wings and tail; the brown sides of the crown are not so dark, and the white stripe down the middle of the crown, so well-marked in *A. caucasica*, is much less pronounced, the feathers being partly streaked with brown. Iris dark hazel, eyelid yellowish; bill and feet blackish brown.

A. sicula:

♂ ad. Total length 5·0, wing 2·25, tail 2·9, tarsus 0·6.

♀ ad. Total length 5·0, wing 2·2, tail 2·9, tarsus 0·6.

A. caucasica:

♂. Total length 5·5, wing 2·45, tail 3·3, tarsus 0·7.

♀. Total length 5·5, wing 2·45, tail 3·2, tarsus 0·7.

The specimens of *A. caucasica* had been kindly forwarded to Mr. Grant for examination by Mr. W. E. Hoyle, the Director of the Owens College Museum, Manchester.

The Hon. WALTER ROTHSCHILD exhibited the type of a remarkable new species of Bush-shrike, which he described as follows:—

LANIARIUS DOHERTYI, n. sp.

♂ *ad.* Upperside bright olive-green; forehead to about the middle of the eye crimson. Lores, a line over the eye reaching as far as the red on the forehead, ear-coverts, and a wide line bordering the red throat and connecting a 17 mm. wide black pectoral crescent with the ear-coverts, deep black. Chin and throat, as well as under tail-coverts, crimson. Middle of breast and abdomen and thighs bright yellow, sides of breast and abdomen yellowish olive-green. Quills of a deep blackish slate-colour, outer webs olive-green; under wing-coverts dull green. Tail black, with extremely narrow olive tips and outer margins in freshly moulted specimens.