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Syrphidae, by Dr. S. W. Williston," was presented through the Secretary, with a letter from the author, dated New Haven, Yale College Museum, May 12, 1882.

"The Classification of the Ungulate Mammalia" was read by Prof. Cope.

New nominations, Nos. 959, 960, 961, were read.

The President reported that he had forwarded a memorial to the President of the New York Senate, in favor of the com-

ERRATUM.

Page 474, line 24, after *Meles*, insert *Helictis*.

Page 474, line 25, omit *Helictis*.

Page 474, line 27; remove *Eluropoda* and *Hyaenaretos* from *ELUROPODÆ*, and insert under *UNSIDÆ* (line 28) the names *Eluropoda* and *Hyaenaretos*.

Page 475, foot-note, for *vig.* read *Vig.*

Syrphidae.

Classify. Although

and forty described genera, they present no characters that will decisively distinguish any considerable number. As a natural result many genera have been loosely formed and more loosely described, until the difficulty in identifying species without the aid of numerous types has become extremely great. The present paper is the result of many hours tedious labor in identifying a considerably large amount of material wholly without the aid of types. Prepared two or three years ago it has been rewritten and changed many times; that it is free from error yet I do not presume to hope, but from my own experience in the difficulties that are met with in working with the aid of books alone, I believe that it will materially aid in the study of our species.

In Osten Sacken's catalogue of American Diptera—a work indispensable to all entomologists—fifty-seven genera are recorded as having been creditably recognized from North America. *Toxomeus* of Macquart I have

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