

April 2, 1860.

J. W. DOUGLAS, Esq., President, in the chair.

*Donations.*

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be presented to the donors:—'The Zoologist' for April; presented by the Editor. 'The Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London,' 1859, Part 3; by the Society. 'Journal of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society,' Supplement to Vol. iv. Botany; by the Society. 'Exotic Butterflies,' Part 34; by W. W. Saunders, Esq. 'The Journal of the Society of Arts' for March; by the Editor. 'The Literary Gazette' for March; by the Editor.

*Elections.*

Dr. E. Candeze, of Liege, Belgium, was elected a Member; and George Seaton, Esq., of Trinity Square, Brixton, and J. C. Young, Esq., of Redwood House, Bromley, were elected Subscribers to the Society.

*Exhibitions.*

The President exhibited some specimens of a species of *Trogoderma*, which had bred in great numbers in rice imported from Akyab, about two years since, and now at Hibernia Wharf, London. Bridge; he also exhibited a quantity of the damaged rice in which, he was informed, the larva had increased to a great extent within the last nine months.

Mr. Stevens exhibited some splendid Lepidoptera sent from Batabian by Mr. Wallace, amongst which were beautiful examples of both sexes of Ornithoptera *Cræsus*, *Papilio Ormenus*, *P. Deiphobus*, *P. Codrus*, and a fine new species allied to *P. Peranthus*; also a small *Hestia*, very distinct from any described species.

Mr. Lewis exhibited a damaged example of *Telephorus atra*, *Linnaeus*, a species not hitherto recorded as a native of Britain; the specimen exhibited had been taken in Scotland by Mr. John Scott, and determined by Mr. F. Smith and himself, by comparison with continental examples in the British Museum collection.

Mr. Janson exhibited some Coleoptera taken at Rannoch by Mr. C. Turner.

Mr. Westwood observed, with reference to the large species of *Bruchus*, exhibited at the last December meeting by Dr. Wallace, as infesting the interior of the nut of the *Coquilla* (*Attalea funifera* of Brazil), that there appeared from an investigation which he had made with a view to the determination of the species in question, to be considerable confusion in the nomenclature of the species allied to *Bruchus Bactris* of *Linnaeus*. That name had been given to a species which infests an American palm of the genus *Bactris*, and which had been first figured by *Jacquin* in his 'History of Select American Plants,' pl. 170. According to *Schönherr*, this species and the allied *Bruchus Nucleorum* of *Fabricius* are at once distinguished by having the intermediate joints of the antennæ marked on the upper side with a deep oblong impression. It may, however, probably be questioned whether in the absence of specimens reared from the same species of palm, there is sufficient ground for the distinct identification of the *Linnean* species. In the 'Proceedings of the Entomological Society,' September 4th, 1854, some seeds of the