

considered as well-defined genera, but of late the discovery of new species had so linked them that it now was impossible to separate them.

A conversation ensued on the variation of species, as apparently produced by climate and lapse of time, in the course of which Mr. Westwood observed that it would be interesting to know whether the animal remains found in mummies, &c., were the same species as at present exist in a living state.

M. Milne-Edwards said that the Ibis found embalmed with mummies was identical with the existing species.

Mr. Stainton read a paper intitled 'Observations on Genera.'

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January 5, 1857.

W. W. SAUNDERS, Esq., President, in the chair.

*Donations.*

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be given to the donors:—'Entomological Papers,' by John Nietner, Nos. 3 and 4; presented by the author. 'Revue et Magasin de Zoologie,' 1856, Nos. 10 and 11; by the Editor, M. Guérin-Méneville. 'The Journal of the Society of Arts' for December; by the Society. 'The Literary Gazette' for December; by the Editor. 'The Athenæum' for November and December; by the Editor. 'A Manual of Butterflies and Moths,' No. 11; 'Elements of Entomology,' No. 4; 'The Substitute,' Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11; 'The Entomologist's Annual' for 1857, Library edition; by H. T. Stainton, Esq.

*Election of Members, &c.*

The Rev. D. J. Drakeford, M.A., Churton Mendip, Somersetshire, and H. S. Digby, Esq., Fenstanton, St. Ives, Huntingdonshire, were balloted for and elected Members of the Society.

Edward William Robinson, Esq., 42, Harneson Street, Kentish Town, was balloted for and elected a Subscriber to the Society.

*Exhibitions.*

Mr. Stevens exhibited a box of Lepidoptera, chiefly Pyralidæ, taken at Sarawak by Mr. Wallace, amongst which was a beautiful species of *Cerura*, allied to *C. liturata* of India; a singular *Bombyx*, allied to the *Megasoma pardale* of Java; and several Pyralidæ, remarkable for the extraordinary development of the palpi, in one species the terminal joint of the palpi being turned back over the head of the insect, and equal in length to the abdomen.