

objects of Natural History, announcing his arrival at Singapore in September last.

Mr. Wilkins observed that he had lately had a female of *Acherontia Atropos* brought to him, which, on being placed under a tumbler, had deposited eggs; it was usually considered that the autumnal specimens of this and other allied species were invariably barren.

Mr. Dutton had lately obtained a female of *Acherontia Atropos* which contained no ova.

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December 7, 1858.

Dr. GRAY, President, in the Chair.

*Donations.*

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be presented to the donors:—‘*Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*,’ Année 1857, Nos. 2—4; 1858, No. 1; presented by the Society. ‘*Journal of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society*,’ Vol. iii., No. 10; by the Society. The ‘*Natural History Review*,’ Vol. v., No. 4; by the Dublin University Zoological Association. The ‘*Zoologist*’ for December; by the Editor. The ‘*Athenæum*’ for November; by the Editor. The ‘*Literary Gazette*’ for November; by the Editor. The ‘*Journal of the Society of Arts*’ for November; by the Society. A ‘*Manual of British Butterflies and Moths*,’ No. 23; The ‘*Entomologist’s Weekly Intelligencer*,’ Nos. 110—114; by H. T. Stainton, Esq. ‘*Description de diverses espèces nouvelles ou peu connues des Genre Scolia*’ par H. de Saussure; by the Author.

*Exhibitions.*

Mr. Stevens exhibited a box of minute Coleoptera, chiefly Staphylinidæ, sent by Mr. Wallace from Celebes, amongst which were several species of *Philonthi* and *Steni*. He observed that he was informed by Mr. Wallace that the Staphylinidæ were no doubt as numerous in the tropics as in more temperate regions, if assiduously searched for.

Mr. Stevens also exhibited two fine longicorn beetles, *Phosphorus angulator* and *Tragocephala pulchella*, from Sierra Leone.

Mr. Bond exhibited a specimen of *Acherontia Atropos*, having the markings of both the anterior and posterior wings on the right side much more suffused than usual.

Dr. Wallace exhibited a box of Lepidoptera taken in the Isle of Wight during the past summer: it contained a fine specimen of *Catephia alchymista*, a *Noctua* new to Britain, taken in September last; a specimen of *Laphygma exigua*, attracted by light, also in September; *Heliothis armigera*; *Leucania vitellina*; specimens of *Micra ostrina*, taken in June and August, and an example of *Nola centonalis*, attracted by light the first week in July.

Mr. Smith exhibited some beech leaves from Fontainebleau Forest, infested by galls formed by *Cecidomyia Fagi*: he observed that the species was mentioned by Mr. Walker in the third volume of the ‘*Insecta Britannica*,’ p. 131, as found on beech trees in Switzerland, &c.