

to Mr. Curtis's paper on that insect, with its fine drawing. Mr. White expressed himself pleased that in a Catalogue like Schaefer's, philosophical arrangement, founded on an extensive study of the Coleoptera of all countries, had led Dr. Schaefer to place *Amorphosphalus*, the solitary European representative of the *Brevicollis*, just before the *Longicornes*.

The Secretary read a letter from L. Lachar, Esq., accompanying some living larvae, apparently of a species of *Cercalis*, from Calcutta, feeding on poppy seeds, received from Sir Jameson Forbes.

Mr. Stevens read the following extract from a letter just received, addressed to him by Mr. A. B. Wallace, dated Batavia, Malacca, October 20th, 1858:—

"As there is now a boat going which may just catch the mail at Ternate, I write a few lines to let you know of my having arrived here safe and commenced operations. I came here in a small hired boat with my own men, luckily it was fine weather, or 100 miles at sea with no means of cooking and only room for one day's water, would have been more than unpleasant. I stopped five days at the Kaiol Islands, just half way, and got a nice collection of beetles, a fair number of new species, and some curious varieties of those before found at Ternate and Gilia. I have only been here five days, but from what I have already done, and the nature of the country, I am inclined to think it may prove one of the best localities I have yet visited; I have already twenty species of *Longicorns* new to me, nothing very grand, but many pretty and very interesting; the most remarkable is one of the *Borean* genus, *Triammatus*, also several species of the elegant little genus *Serica*, which have been very scarce or absent since I left Sarawak; I have also an elegant new *Pachysphindus*, a fine *Ipa*, a small new *Cicadella*, and a small new species of *Thomis*. In butterflies I have taken an imperfect specimen of a glorious new species very like *Papilio Ulysses*, but distinct, and even handsomer! I have also seen a female of a grand new *Oncophanes*, but cannot say what the male will prove to be. I have several times seen what I think is a new species allied to *Papilio Codrus*, but they are too wild to catch: the *Papilio* allied to *P. Sarpedon*, which I found at Macassar, is also here, and two or three other species which I have not yet been able to capture."

Part I. of the fifth volume of the new series of the Society's 'Transactions' was announced as published.

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Dr. GRAY, President, in the chair.

Donations.

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be presented to the donors:—'*Mémoires de la Société de Physique et d'Histoire Naturelle de Genève*,' Tome six. De Paris; presented by the Society. '*Mémoires accademici et Mémoires des Savants étrangers*,' publiés par l'Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des