

more than half-way across, in the elateroides of Heer it occupied at least two-thirds of the entire distance, whilst in the gracilis of his 'Insecta Maderensia' it very nearly touched the opposite part of the circumference. The antennæ of *Triaxus* being implanted very near to the inner margin of the eye, he believed that this *sulcus* had reference to the lodgment of those organs when the insect was in a state of partial activity, and had removed them from out of the grooves of its anteriorly produced prosternum,—an hypothesis which was rendered the more probable since the only species in which he had as yet remarked the impression to be totally absent was one from Madeira (which he had lately described under the name of *integer*), in which the antennæ are inserted further from the eye than in the normal members of the group, and in which, consequently, any such ocular receptacles would be superfluous.

Mr. Tapping communicated some notes by Mr. Fedarb, of Dover, on *Acari* found in a photographic portrait-case, alluded to by that gentleman at a former Meeting of the Society; and also a notice, by the same, of the ravages committed by a species of *Atropos* on the Barbadoes nut, accompanied by drawings of the insects.

May 4, 1857.

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

Donations.

The following donations were announced, and thanks ordered to be given to the donors:—'Proceedings of the Royal Society,' Vol. viii. No. 25; presented by the Society. 'Journal of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society,' Vol. i. No. 4; by the Society. 'Revue et Magasin de Zoologie,' 1857, No. 3; by the Editor, M. F. Guérin-Ménéville. 'The Zoologist' for May; by the Editor. 'Stettinor Entomologische Zeitung,' Vol. xviii. Nos. 1–3; by the Entomological Society of Stettin. 'A Manual of British Butterflies and Moths,' Vol. i. and No. 14; 'The Substitute' for 1856–7; 'Elements of Entomology,' No. 7; 'The Entomologist's Weekly Intelligencer,' No. 27; by H. T. Stainton, Esq. 'On the Distribution of certain Species of Fresh-water Fish, and on the Modes of Fecundating the Ova of the Salmonidæ; by John Hogg, Esq., M.A., F.R.S., F.L.S., &c.;' by the Author. 'The Literary Gazette' for April; by the Editor. 'The Athenæum' for April; by the Editor. 'Proceedings of the Berwickshire Naturalist's Club,' Vol. iii. No. 7; by the Club. 'List of the Specimens of Lepidopterous Insects in the Collection of the British Museum,' Part XI., Noctuidæ; by the Author, F. Walker, Esq., F.L.S., &c.

Exhibitions.

Mr. Stevens exhibited two pairs of *Endromis versicolor* recently taken in Tilgate Forest; also a pair of *Euchirus longimanus* from Ceram; and some fine species of *Pieris* sent by Mr. Wallace from the islands of Baley and Lomback, which were interesting from the variation of the species in these closely-adjoining islands.

Mr. Stevens also exhibited a specimen of *Heterius sesquicornis* taken on the 2nd