

another new British species had also come under his notice, and promised to lay an account of these insects before the society at a subsequent meeting.

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*June 2nd, 1834.*

The Rev. W. Kirby, F.R.S., Honorary President, in the Chair.

#### DONATIONS.

Recherches pour servir à l'Histoire Naturelle du Littoral de France, Annelides, 1me partie 1834. Par MM. Audouin et Edwards;

Notice sur Georges Cuvier. Par M. Audouin;

Recherches pour servir à l'Histoire Naturelle de Cantharides. By the same;

Observations sur le Nid d'une Araignée. By the same;

Lettre sur la Génération des Insectes. By the same;

Discours prononcé sur la Tombe de M. Latreille. By the same;

Exposition de l'Anatomie comparée du Thorax des Insectes ailés. Par M. MacLeay, accompagnée de Notes par M. Audouin;

Notice sur les Travaux de M. Audouin;

Rapport par M. Cuvier sur un Ouvrage de M. Audouin: viz., Recherches Anatomiques sur le Thorax des Animaux Articulés;

Description de l'Hipponee, nouveau genre d'Annelides. Par MM. Andouin et Edwards;

Mémoire sur l'Anatomie et Physiologie des Crustacés. By the same;

Rapport, par M. Cuvier, sur trois Mémoires de MM. Audouin et Edwards, sur les Animaux Invertébrés du Littoral de France;

Report by M. Geoffroy Saint Hilaire, upon a Memoir by the same Authors, consisting of Anatomical Researches upon the Nervous System of the *Crustacea*;

Report by Messrs. Cuvier and Dumeril upon the Researches of the same Authors upon the Invertebrated Animals of the Coast of France; All presented by M. Victor Audouin, Professor at the Jardin des Plantes, Paris. For. Hon. Member of the Society.

Beitrag zur Lehre von der Geographische Verbreitung der Insekten. By Professor Reich, of Berlin. Presented by the Author.

Annales de la Société Entomologique de France, vols. 1. and 2. Presented by that Society.

Number 3 of British Entomology, 2nd Edition (without plates). By J. Curtis, Esq., F.L.S., the Author thereof.

Scopoli, *Entomologia Carniolica*;  
 Leeuwenhoek, *Epistolæ ad Societatem Regiam Anglicam*;  
 Leeuwenhoek, *Arcana Naturæ detecta*. 2 vols. All presented by  
 Mr. W. Bainbridge, M.E.S.

Specimens of the Larvæ and Pupæ of the various species of Coleopterous Insects described in the Memoirs read before the Society. By G. R. Waterhouse, Esq., Curator.

Specimens of the *Delphax saccharivora* and *Bruchus Cæsalpinia*. By J. O. Westwood.

Specimens of *Formica unifasciata*, Latr. By Mr. Spence.

JOHN ARTHUR POWER, Esq. Queen's Coll. Cambridge, was elected a Member of the Society.

#### MEMOIRS, EXHIBITIONS, &c.

The establishment of Prizes by the Council for Essays upon the noxious species of Insects was announced. See Prospectus published in the 1st Part.

Letters were read from M. Schönherr, returning thanks for his election as Foreign Honorary Member of the Society, announcing the transmission of his work upon the *Curculionidæ* to the Society, and recommending Count Mannerheim as Foreign Member of the Society; and from M. Lefebvre, Secretary to the Entomological Society of France, announcing the wish of that society to enter into communication with the Entomological Society of London, and the transmission of the Transactions of the French Society.

"On the apparent Identity of *Sphinx ephemeraformis* of Haworth, with *Psyche plumifera* of Ochsenheimer." By J. F. Stephens, Esq., V. P.

"Descriptions of the Larvæ of several species of Coleoptera, and of the Pupa of *Raphidia*." By G. R. Waterhouse, Esq., Curator E.S. (See pp. 23—27.)

"Observations upon the Habits of *Odynerus antilope*." By J. O. Westwood.

"*Thysanuræ Hibernicæ*, or descriptions of such species of Spring-tailed Insects (*Podura* and *Lepisma*, Linn.) as have been observed in Ireland." By R. Templeton, Esq., with some introductory observations upon the order. By J. O. Westwood.

Mr. Westwood read an extract from a letter received from Carthage, and communicated by the Editor of the Magazine of Natural History, relative to the ravages of a species of *Bruchus* upon the

seeds of the Dividivi, (*Cæsalpinia coriaria*), the legumes of which are so valuable as a substitute both for oak bark and galls.

Mr. Spence made some observations upon the great annoyance recently caused by swarms of the minute ant (*Formica unifasciata*) to the inhabitants of the houses in several parts of Brighton, as well as in London; and which had, in some instances, increased to such an extent that the latter were under the necessity of quitting their residences, the ants devouring or attacking every article. Mr. Spence mentioned that the only plan hitherto discovered for their destruction was to lay down pieces of raw meat, which they assailed in great numbers, and then to throw down boiling water over them.

The Rev. W. Kirby mentioned that in some parts of Suffolk the largest species of British ant (*Formica rufa*) had been equally troublesome. He also noticed having observed ants at work by moonlight, a fact which had been doubted.

Dr. Horsfield suggested that the most effectual mode of destroying the former insects would be by fumigation by sulphur.

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July 7th, 1834.

J. G. Children, Esq., President, in the Chair.

#### DONATIONS.

Proof Impression of the Portrait of the Rev. W. Kirby. Presented by Mr. Lupton. It was unanimously decided that this admirable likeness of the Honorary President should be framed and suspended over the President's chair in the meeting-room of the Society.

Centurie de Carabiques nouveaux. Par M. Gory;

Description et Figures de *Pamborus Guerini*, *Zuphium fuscum*, *Cordistes 4-maculatus*, *Oxycheila distigma*, *Callicnemis Latreillei* et *Trochalus rotundatus*. By M. Gory. From the 'Magasin de Zoologie,' de M. Guerin (F.);

Descriptions et Figures de *Melolontha spinipennis*, *Areoda maculata* et *Melolontha lactea*, (from the Revue Entomologique de Silbermann). Par M. Gory. All presented by M. Hippolyte Gory, of Paris.

Mémoire sur les Raphidiens;

Note sur la Larve du *Myrmeleon libelluloides*, et Descriptions et