

XXXIV. *On the Dates of the Publications of the Entomological Society of London.* By the REV. G. WHEELER, M.A., F.Z.S.

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SOME months ago I was instructed by the Council, as a part of my secretarial work, to find out as far as possible, from the printers who had from time to time been employed by the Society, the precise dates of publication of the various parts of the volumes of our Transactions, since some of these dates were crucial with regard to the priority of names in a number of species. Certain details on this part of the matter, which may possibly be of interest, I have thought it better to place together in an Appendix (*v. App. E*), and it will be sufficient to say here, that though I received most courteous replies from all those firms which I could trace as representing those formerly employed by the Society, very large gaps remained which I attempted to fill by reference to old Minute Books of our own Society, by the help given by the dated list uniformly kept by the Linnean Society of all publications received by them, and where this failed through the loss of one of their books, by reference to the British Museum copy in which the date of reception is stamped on the back of each part. These means, however, were not as efficacious as might have been expected, owing to the extreme irregularity with which copies were sent out; as an instance I might quote the case (by no means an isolated one) in which the Linnean Society received on August 11th, 1868, parts 1 and 2 of the New Series, together with vol. iii, pt. 3, vol. iv, pts. 4 and 5, and vol. v, pt. 8, of the previous series. It will readily be seen that this afforded little help in fixing precise dates, though there are one or two instances in which these will be the nearest attainable. Up till 1850 the only date printed on the parts was that of the year; from that time till 1896 the month only was added, except from 1881 to 1885 inclusive, when the day of the month was printed on the cover, but not at the bottom of the first page of each separate paper, where only the month appeared as in other years. In this case both the Linnean Society and the British Museum afforded help, for I found

the cover in one or other of these libraries in every case where there was no copy in its original cover in our own possession; but, unfortunately, only in one single case does this date seem to have been correct, rarely even approximately so, and sometimes glaringly deceptive. After this revelation it will not be surprising to learn that when only the month was given, parts were frequently dated one month, and sometimes two, or even three, prior to the actual time of publication. At last I bethought me to apply for help, in very doubtful cases, to Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., who have published for the Society from the first, and who interpreted my request with such astonishing generosity as to send me, in the course of a few days, a complete list of the days on which they received each part of each volume from 1834 to 1911. Now here, it might be said, is all that can be desired as giving the exact date of publication in every case. But this is by no means the fact, for the Society has also from the beginning acted as its own publisher, and the dates at which the various parts were delivered by the printers at the Society's rooms are often (when obtainable) earlier than those at which they were received by Messrs. Longmans & Co.; and, in fact, a comparison of the dates leads one to suppose that they were always in former times delivered direct to the Society, who forwarded copies to Messrs. Longmans & Co., except that once or twice in August, when there was apparently no one to receive them at the Society's rooms, Messrs. Longmans & Co. were not kept waiting for their copies, which seem to have been then delivered direct from the printers.

In a very able letter written by Mr. J. H. Durrant to a former Secretary, a copy of which he has kindly placed at my disposal, it is argued that the delivery of books to the Society does not constitute publication, because the general public has not access to the Society's rooms. This argument would of course be unanswerable if the premises were correct, but that is the very reverse of being the case. It is indisputable that at the present time non-members can, and frequently do, both write and come in person to buy copies of the current number of the Transactions, and it is actually the only way in which back numbers of more than three or four years past can be obtained. I make this statement on the authority of the Resident Librarian, and it is easy for any unbeliever to test the matter for himself; but it might be supposed

that in former and more exclusive times access to non-members would have been impossible, were it not that a letter from the late Mr. J. W. Dunning, at that time Secretary and afterwards President of the Society, is appended to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for April 4th, 1864, in which he complains that the time of the Librarian is greatly taken up by the idle chatter of Entomologists, the worst offenders, as a rule, not being members (there were no Fellows then, as it was before Mr. Dunning obtained the Charter) of the Society, but adding that all Entomologists, *whether members or not*, were always welcome in the Society's rooms. This completely disposes of the argument that non-members had not access to the rooms, and in combination with the announcement printed on each part that it was "sold at the Society's rooms," shows that the outside public could obtain copies from that quarter. Whenever, therefore, the dates of delivery at the Society's rooms and at Messrs. Longmans & Co. are both obtainable, the earlier will always be the date of publication. In the appended table both are given when available, but the earlier, the actual date of publication, is printed in thick type. The Society has only occupied its present quarters since late in 1875, and has only had the advantage of a Resident Librarian since the beginning of 1876. Previously the Librarian, who was then a paid official, was only bound to be present on Monday afternoons, and it might have been argued that it was only on these days that the Society's publications were to be obtained; but the dates of the reception of the Transactions by the Linnean Society, where they were formerly sent direct by our Society, prove conclusively that there was no particular day in the week when these publications could be obtained. In the early years of the Transactions it will be seen that on a few occasions they were received by the Linnean Society at an earlier date than by Messrs. Longmans & Co., and that this once occurs at a time when the date of delivery by the printer at our Society's rooms is unobtainable, and when the date of publication is not given in the Minutes; it is, however, obvious that the Entomological Society must have received these parts before they could forward them to the Linnean Society; the date on which the latter received them is therefore the earliest date available, but it must be understood that it can only be stated that this part was published *at least* as early as the date given, and possibly earlier. From

1879 till 1896, whenever precise information from the printers is not forthcoming, there is another source available for fixing, approximately at any rate, the date of publication, for during this period the copies were all sent out from the Society's rooms, and an exact list was kept of the dates on which any given part was posted. This sometimes serves as a useful check, and in one somewhat notorious case, that of Part 1 for 1894, renders nugatory the decree of the Society, based on the report of a Special Committee, that the date of the part should be May 11th, since the Society sent out the revised copies on May 2nd, and must therefore have received them by that date at the latest; and it is beyond the power not merely of a Society or its Council, but even of Omnipotence itself, to alter the date at which a past event has actually taken place. The date of this part is, however, so complicated a question that it will be best treated of in an appendix by itself (*v. App. D*).

Since 1896 the number of pages of the Proceedings issued with each part of the Transactions has been published at the beginning of each completed volume, and since 1887 the part of the Transactions in which the Proceedings appeared is indicated at the bottom of the pages of the latter, but up to that time there was no means of dating the Proceedings except from the separate parts as they were issued, or from their original covers; bound volumes gave no information whatever on the subject. I have, however, been fortunate enough to find the separate parts or the original covers for the most part in our own Library; and when they have been wanting there, I have found them in some cases in the British Museum, and in others in the Library of the Linnean Society. This applies to all the Proceedings published with the Transactions, but, unfortunately, from 1840 to 1846 inclusive they were published in separate sheets; which never went through Messrs. Longmans' hands at all, nor were they printed by the same firm that printed the Transactions, and it is these two circumstances, combined with the fact that they were sent to the Linnean Society with the Transactions, that enable me to assert that the latter Society in those days received its copies of our publications direct from our own rooms. The dates of publication of these seven years of our Proceedings are therefore on a totally different footing from any others, and must be treated of separately (*v. App. B*).

In the course of searching for information as to these various dates, many old books belonging to our Society have come to light, and it seems to me well that these should be put on record: a list of them is therefore appended (*v. App. F*).

It only remains for me to record my thanks to those who have given me such invaluable help in working out this problem: to Dr. Daydon Jackson and Mr. Kappel at the Linnean Society; to Messrs. Taylor & Francis; C. F. Roworth; West, Newman & Co.; and above all to Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co., without whose kind help my work would have been impossible.

DATES OF PUBLICATION FROM 1834 TO 1895.

FIRST SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of arrival at Linnean Society.
I	1	i-xiii (xiv blank)	Nov. 7, 1834	Nov. 8, 1834	
	2	xv-xlii	Oct. 2, 1835	Oct. 6, 1835	
	3	xliii-lxxxviii	Jan. 17, 1837	Jan. 18, 1837	
II	1	i-xxxviii		Feb. 16, 1838	^a Feb. 5, 1838
	2	(none)		Sep. 5, 1838	Nov. 6, 1838
	3	xxxix-lxviii	Aug. 5, 1839	July 1, 1839	Oct. 19, 1839
III	4	lxix-xci	^b Nov. 2, 1840	Nov. 11, 1840	Nov. 16, 1841
	1	i-xiii		Jan. 27, 1842	Feb. 1, 1842
	2	[The Journal	^b Sep. 2, 1842	Sep. 16, 1842	Mch. 6, 1843
IV	3	of Proceed-	^b Jan. 2, 1843	Feb. 20, 1843	Mch. 6, 1843
	4	ings from	^b Jan. 1, 1844	^c Jan. 17, 1844	Feb. 6, 1844
	1	Jan. 1840 to	^b April 7, 1845	May 29, 1845	May 24, 1845
V	2	Dec. 1846 was	^b Nov. 3, 1845	Nov. 25, 1845	Nov. 29, 1845
	3	published	^b Mch. 2, 1846	April 20, 1846	April 21, 1846
	4	separately.	^b Mch. 1, 1847	Mch. 8, 1847	Mch. 2, 1847
	5	<i>v. App. B.</i>]	^b June 7, 1847	June 23, 1847	Feb. 16, 1848
	1	^c i-iv	^b July 5, 1847	June 30, 1847	Feb. 16, 1848
	2	v-xvi	^b Oct. 4, 1847	Sep. 30, 1847	Feb. 16, 1848
	3	xvii-xxviii	^b Jan. 24, 1848	Jan. 12, 1848	Feb. 16, 1848
	4	^d xxix-xxx		June 1, 1848	Mch. 5, 1850
	5	^d xxxi-xlii		Aug. 18, 1848	Mch. 5, 1850
	6	(none)	^b May 7, 1849	May 8, 1849	Mch. 5, 1850
	7	xliii-lxvi		Sep. 4, 1849	Oct. 3, 1850
	8	lxvii-lxxiv	^b Nov. 5, 1849	Nov. 6, 1849	Mch. 5, 1851
	9	lxxv-lxxxix		Feb. 8, 1850	Mch. 5, 1851

^a The Secretary announced on Jan. 1st that the Part would be ready that week, but there is no evidence that it was so.

^b This and the following dates up to Oct. 7th, 1850, are those of the Meetings next after the delivery of the Parts at the Society's room, and are taken from the Minute Books.

^c Not mentioned on cover, with rest of contents, but issued with this part.

^d These two parts are not available in the original wrappers, but the lettering at the foot of the pages leaves no doubt of the correctness of this division.

^e This date is somewhat uncertain, but (not being the earliest) is fortunately not of much importance.

SECOND SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
I	1	(none)		^b April 1, 1850	April 30, 1850
	2	1-16	Oct.	^b Oct. 7, 1850	Sep. 28, 1850
	3	(none)	Dec.	Nov. 20, 1850	Nov. 29, 1850
	4	17-48	Mch.	Feb. 21, 1851	Mch. 1, 1851
	5	49-80	June	May 31, 1851	May 31, 1851
	6	81-96	Sep.	Sep. 1, 1851	Aug. 29, 1851
	7	97-112 ^f	Dec.	Nov. 17, 1851	Nov. 18, 1851
	8	113-176	Mch.	April 12, 1852	April 12, 1852
II	1	1-8	June	June 14, 1852	June 24, 1852
	2	9-16	Sep.	Sep. 6, 1852	Sep. 2, 1852
	3	17-32	Dec.	Dec. 27, 1852	Dec. 24, 1852
	4	33-64	Mch.	Mch. 7, 1853	April 5, 1853
	5	65-112	June	June 6, 1853	June 16, 1853
	6	113-120	Sep.	Aug. 29, 1853	Sep. 5, 1853
	7	121-136	Jan.	Dec. 26, 1853	Dec. 27, 1853
	8	137-146	April	April 3, 1854	April 3, 1854
III	1	1-8	July	June 30, 1854	June 30, 1854
	2	9-24	Oct.	Nov. 1, 1854	Oct. 28, 1854
	3	25-40	Jan.	Jan. 9, 1855	Jan. 9, 1855
	4	41-74	April	April 23, 1855	April 23, 1855
	5	75-90	July	Aug. 6, 1855	Aug. 12, 1855
	6	91-106	Oct.	Nov. 19, 1855	Nov. 19, 1855
	7	107-114	Jan.	Feb. 4, 1856	Feb. 5, 1856
	8	115-170	April	April 21, 1856	April 25, 1856
IV	1	(none)	July	July 7, 1856	July 10, 1856
	2	1-16	Oct.	Oct. 11, 1856	Oct. 15, 1856
	3	17-32 ^g	Jan.		Feb. 21, 1857
	4	33-56	April	April 27, 1857	May 1, 1857
	5	(none)	July	^k Aug. 31, 1857	Aug. 20, 1857
	6	57-96	Jan.	Jan. 25, 1858	Mch. 11, 1858
	7	(none)	April	April 5, 1858	April 5, 1858
	8	97-116 and vol. v, 1-16	July	July 5, 1858	July 23, 1858
V	9	117-132	Dec.	Dec. 27, 1858	Jan. 17, 1859
	1	17 ^h -40 ^j	Feb.	Mch. 7, 1859	Mch. 14, 1859
	2	(none)	May	June 27, 1859	June 27, 1859
	3	41-72	Sep.	Oct. 3, 1859	Dec. 7, 1859
	4	(none)	Nov.	Jan. 4, 1860	Jan. 12, 1860
	5	73-104	Mch.	May 7, 1860	May 29, 1860
	6	105-112	July	Aug. 8, 1860	Aug. 7, 1860
	7	(none)	Nov.	Nov. 5, 1860	Nov. 3, 1860
	8	113-136	Feb.	Feb. 25, 1861	Mch. 14, 1861
	9	137-148	June	July 1, 1861	July 26, 1861
	10	149-187	Oct.	Nov. 4, 1861	Nov. 18, 1861
	11	188-249		April 14, 1862	April 22, 1862

^f Pp. 97-104 are wrongly numbered 33-40 in the original.

^g Pp. 17-32 are wanting in the separate parts in the Ent. Soc. Library, but were received at the British Museum with Part 3 on March 13, before Part 4 had left the Printers' hands.

^h Pp. 1-16 were published with vol. iv., Part 8 (*v. supra*).

^j Pp. 17-40 are wanting in the separate parts, but were received at the B. M. on May 20th, so were issued with Part 1.

^k Apparently there was no one to receive the Society's copies earlier in August, and Messrs. Longmans' must have been delivered direct by the Printers.

THIRD SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
I	1	1-48	Mch.	April 7, 1862	April 8, 1862
	2	49-64	May	May 29, 1862	June 2, 1862
	3	(none)	Aug.	Aug. 11, 1862	Aug. 12, 1862
	4	65-88	Nov.	Nov. 17, 1862	Nov. 17, 1862
	5	89-112	Feb.	Feb. 23, 1863	Feb. 23, 1863
	6	113-142	May	June 8, 1863	June 12, 1863
	7	143-166	Oct.	Oct. 5, 1863	Nov. 17, 1863
	8	167-182	Dec.	Jan. 25, 1864	Jan. 25, 1864
II	9	183-218	Mch.	April 4, 1864	April 4, 1864
	1	(none)	May	July 4, 1864	July 5, 1864
	2	1-32	Aug.	Aug. 15, 1864	Aug. 17, 1864
	3	33-48	Nov.	Nov. 28, 1864	Dec. 5, 1864
	4	49-80	Mch.	Mch. 13, 1865	Mch. 18, 1865
	5	81-112	Sep.	Sep. 29, 1865	Sep. 27, 1865
III	6	113-174	Feb.	Mch. 19, 1866	Mch. 19, 1866
	1	¹ (none)	Sep.	Oct. 3, 1864	Oct. 4, 1864
	2		Aug.	Aug. 14, 1865	Aug. 18, 1865
	3		Sep.	Sep. 29, 1866	Oct. 7, 1866
	4		June	June 17, 1867^o	June 17, 1867
	5		April		April 29, 1868
	6		Jan.		Jan. 26, 1869
IV	7		Oct.		Oct. 13, 1869
	1	¹ (none)	June	July 3, 1865	July 10, 1865
	2		July ⁿ } Aug. }	Sep. 2, 1867	Sep. 3, 1867
	3		Nov.	Dec. 9, 1867^o	Dec. 24, 1867
V	4		Feb.		Mch. 23, 1868
	5		May		May 27, 1868
	1	(none)	Oct.	Nov. 13, 1865	Nov. 17, 1865
	2	(none)	April	April 16, 1866	April 17, 1866
	3	1-8	June	July 2, 1866	July 17, 1866
	4	9-32	Dec.	Dec. 31, 1866	Jan. 10, 1867
	5	(none)	Mch.	Mch. 4, 1867	Mch. 6, 1867
	6	33-84	May	May 6, 1867^o	May 8, 1867
	7	85-144 ^m	Dec.		Dec. 30, 1867
	8				Mch. 23, 1868

FOURTH SERIES.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society. ^p	Date of delivery at Longman's.
1868	1	i-xvi	April		April 29, 1868
	2	xvii-xxiv	July		July 13, 1868
	3	xxv-xxxvi	Sep.		Sep. 28, 1868
	4	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 22, 1868

¹ Vols. iii and iv were on special subjects and published at irregular intervals, without Proceedings.

^m Pp. 105-144 are repeated in Part 8.

ⁿ Some of the papers in this part are dated July and some August.

^o No Printer's dates beyond these are to be had (*v. App. E*).

^p The dates of reception at the British Museum are available throughout, and those at the Linnean Society for 1875 to 1878, but in no case are they earlier than those of delivery at Messrs. Longmans.

FOURTH SERIES (*continued*).

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society. ^p	Date of delivery at Longmans'.
1868	5	xxxvii-lxxxviii			Feb. 16, 1869
1869	1	i-viii	April		April 26, 1869
	2	(none)	May		May 28, 1869
	3	(none)	June		June 22, 1869
	4	ix-xviii	Aug.		Aug. 3, 1869
	5	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 14, 1869
	6	xix-lviii			Feb. 7, 1870
1870	1	(none)	Mch.		Mch. 14, 1870
	2	i-xvi	June		June 16, 1870
	3	xvii-xxxix ^a	Aug.		Aug. 29, 1870
	4	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 20, 1870
	5	xxxix-lxxx			Feb. 20, 1871
1871	1	(none)	Mch.		Mch. 28, 1871
	2	i-xvi	May		May 22, 1871
	3	xvii-xxxii	Aug.		Aug. 8, 1871
	4	(none)	Dec.		Dec. 19, 1871
	5	xxxiii-lxxxii			Feb. 19, 1872
1872	1	i-viii	April		April 18, 1872
	2	ix-xvi	May		May 15, 1872
	3	xvii-xxiv	Aug.		Aug. 16, 1872
	4	xxv-lxxxvi	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1872	Dec. 31, 1872
	5	xxxvii-lxxxvi		Mch. 10, 1873	Mch. 12, 1873
1873	1	(none)	Mch.	Mch. 31, 1873	April 1, 1873
	2	i-xvi	May	May 1873	May 20, 1873
	3	xvii-xxiv	Aug.	Aug. 5, 1873	Aug. 11, 1873
	4	(none)	Oct.	Oct. 13, 1873	Oct. 13, 1873
	5	xxv-lxi		Mch. 2, 1874	Mch. 3, 1874
1874	1	(none)	Feb.	Feb. 23, 1874	Feb. 23, 1874
	2	i-viii	April	April 27, 1874	April 29, 1874
	3	(none)	July	June 1874	July 7, 1874
	4	ix-xxiv	Dec.	° Dec. 1874	Dec. 24, 1874
	5	xxv-lxxx			Mch. 10, 1875
1875	1	i-viii ^r	May		May 29, 1875
	2	ix-xvi	Sep.		Sep. 28, 1875
	3	(none)	Nov.		Nov. 30, 1875
	4	(none)	Dec.		Jan. 6, 1876
	5	xvii-lxviii			Mch. 21, 1876
1876	1	i-viii	May		May 20, 1876
	2	(none)	June		June 27, 1876
	3	ix-xxiv	Oct.		Nov. 2, 1876
	4	xxv-lxxxii	Nov.		Dec. 23, 1876
	5	xxxiii-lxxxvii			Feb. 23, 1877
1877	1	(none)	April		April 17, 1877
	2	(none)	June		July 2, 1877
	3	i-xvi	Oct.		Oct. 16, 1877
	4	xvii-lxxxii	Dec.		Dec. 31, 1877
	5	xxxiii-lxxxviii			Mch. 22, 1878
1878	1	i-viii	April		April 24, 1878
	2	ix-xxiv	July		July 23, 1878
	3	xxv-lxi	Oct.		Oct. 16, 1878
	4	xli-lxviii	Dec.		Jan. 6, 1879
	5	lxix-lxxxviii			Mch. 3, 1879

^a P. xxxi was published in Part 3 to the end of the Minutes for July 4th; and the whole in Part 5. ^r With an Appendix on "Priority," pp. i-xlii.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of Posting from the Society's Rooms.
1879	1	(none)	April		May 2, 1879	May 3, 1879
	2	i-xxiv	July		Aug. 15, 1879	Aug. 7, 1879
	3	xxv-xlvi	Dec.		Dec. 30, 1879	Dec. 27, 1879
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	5	xlix-xcix			Feb. 23, 1880	Feb. 25, 1880
1880	1	(none)	Mch.		April 1, 1880	April 7, 1880
	2	i-viii	June		July 8, 1880	July 5, 1880
	3	ix-xxiv	Oct.		Oct. 12, 1880	Oct. 14, 1880
	4	xxv-xxxii	Dec.	^t Dec. 23, 1880	Jan. 5, 1881	Dec. 31, 1880
	5	xxxiii-lxiv		Mch. 2, 1881	Mch. 7, 1881	Mch. 9, 1881
1881	1	(none)	April 6	<i>April 19, 1881</i>	April 20, 1881	April 14, 1881
	2	i-viii	July 6	July 12, 1881	July 14, 1881	July 13, 1881
	3	ix-xx	Sept. 7	Sept. 7, 1881	Sept. 12, 1881	Sept. 8, 1881
	4	xxi-xxxvi	Dec. 22	Dec. 22, 1881	Dec. 30, 1881	Dec. 28, 1881
	5	xxxvii-lxxxii		Feb. 2, 1882	Feb. 8, 1882	Feb. 6, 1882
1882	1	(none)	April 1	April 5, 1882	April 12, 1882	^u April 6, 1882
	2	i-viii	July 5	July 5, 1882	July 18, 1882	July 12, 1882
	3	ix-xvi	Sept. 7	Sept. 6, 1882	Sept. 14, 1882	Sept. 18, 1882
	4	^s xvii-lxii	Feb. 7	Jan. 7, 1883	Feb. 12, 1883	Feb. 14, 1883
	5		(1883)			
1883	1	(none)	Mch. 7	Mch. 12, 1883	Mch. 19, 1883	Mch. 17, 1883
	2	i-xii	June 1	May 30, 1883	June 7, 1883	May 31, 1883
	3	xiii-xx	Aug. 1	Aug. 9, 1883	Aug. 14, 1883	Sept. 1, 1883
	4	(none)	Nov. 27	Nov. 29, 1883	Jan. 2, 1884	Dec. 12, 1883
	5	xxi-lxxxii	Feb. 6	Feb. 13, 1884	Feb. 20, 1884	Feb. 21, 1884
1884	1	i-viii	Apl. 30	May 4, 1884	May 14, 1884	May 15, 1884
	2	(none)	July 2	July 2, 1884	July 3, 1884	July 5, 1884
	3	ix-xxiv	Oct. 31	Nov. 12, 1884	Nov. 11, 1884	Nov. 10, 1884
	4	(none)	Dec. 3	Nov. 30, 1884	Dec. 11, 1884	Dec. 10, 1884
	5	xxv-lxiii	Feb. 28	Mch. 4, 1885	Mch. 6, 1885	Mch. 5, 1885
1885	1	(none)	Apl. 30	June 1, 1885	June 4, 1885	June 3, 1885
	2	i-viii	Aug. 5	Aug. 20, 1885	Aug. 22, 1885	Aug. 27, 1885
	3	ix-xvi ^v	Sept. 22	Oct. 6, 1885	Oct. 9, 1885	Oct. 8, 1885
	4	(none)	Dec. 2	Dec. 11, 1885	Dec. 18, 1885	Dec. 16, 1885
	5	xvii ^v -lxv	Feb. 3	Feb. 12, 1886	Feb. 13, 1886	Feb. 13, 1886
1886	1	i-xii	Mch.	Mch. 31, 1886	April 8, 1886	April 8, 1886
	2	xiii-xxviii	June	June 30, 1886	July 7, 1886	July 5, 1886
	3	xxix-xlvi	Oct.	Oct. 1, 1886	Oct. 29, 1886	Oct. 27, 1886
	4	xlix-lvi	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1886	Dec. 29, 1886	Dec. 29, 1886
	5	lvii-cix	Feb.	Feb. 22, 1887	Feb. 26, 1887	Feb. 23, 1887
1887	1	i-xx	Apr.	Apr. 30, 1887	Apr. 30, 1887	Apr. 27, 1887
	2	xxi-xxiv	June	May 30, 1887	June 20, 1887	June 8, 1887
	3	xxv-xl	Sept.	Sept. 30, 1887	Oct. 6, 1887	Oct. 8, 1887
	4	xli-lx	Dec.	Jan. 4, 1888	Jan. 10, 1888	Jan. 4, 1888
	5	lxi-xcii	Feb.	Feb. 17, 1888	Feb. 22, 1888	Feb. 20, 1888
1888	1	i-viii	Mch.	Mch. 23, 1888	Mch. 26, 1888	Mch. 30, 1888
	2	ix-xx	June	June 27, 1888	June 30, 1888	July 9, 1888

^s On cover "xxv," incorrectly.^t These dates are not absolutely reliable, those in italics are obviously incorrect (*v. App. E*).^u The majority were posted on April 19th, but the issue on April 6th was not by any means confined (as in other cases of early issue where the date is not admissible) to the Council.^v Wrongly printed on cover as xxiv and xxv.

Vol.	Part.	No. of pages of Proceedings.	Date on Part.	Date of delivery by Printers to Society.	Date of delivery at Longmans'.	Date of Posting from the Society's Rooms.
1889	3	xxi-xxxii	Oct.	Oct. 31, 1888	Nov. 21, 1888	Nov. 21, 1888
	4	xxxiii-xl	Dec.	Dec. 19, 1888	Dec. 24, 1888	Dec. 21, 1888
	5	xli-xcv	Mch.	Jan. 31, 1889	Feb. 5, 1889	Feb. 1, 1889
	1	i-viii	Mch.	Apr. 1, 1889	Apr. 15, 1889	Apr. 15, 1889
	2	ix-xxiv	June	June 27, 1889	July 1, 1889	June 27, 1889
1890	3	xxv-xliv	Oct.	Oct. 30, 1889	Oct. 26, 1889	Oct. 28, 1889
	4	xl-v-lxii	Dec.	Dec. 31, 1889	Jan. 9, 1890	Jan. 10, 1890
	5	lxiii-cvii	Jan. 31	Feb. 5, 1890	Feb. 11, 1890	Feb. 8, 1890
	1	i-xii	Apr.	<i>Apr. 30, 1890</i>	Apr. 18, 1890	Apr. 17, 1890
	2	xiii-xx	June	June 24, 1890	July 5, 1890	June 25, 1890
1891	3	xxi-xxviii	Sep.	Sep. 30, 1890	Oct. 1, 1890	Oct. 1, 1890
	4	xxix-xl	Dec.	Dec. 22, 1890	Dec. 29, 1890	Dec. 30, 1890
	5	xli-lxxvi		Feb. 10, 1891	Feb. 13, 1891	Feb. 14, 1891
	1	i-viii	Mch.	Mch. 30, 1891	Apr. 13, 1891	Mch. 31, 1891
	2	ix-xiv	June	June 1, 1891	July 4, 1891	June 1, 1891
1892	3	xv-xxii	Oct.	Oct. 6, 1891	Oct. 21, 1891	Oct. 19, 1891
	4	xxiii- xxxviii	Dec.	Dec. 30, 1891	Jan. 8, 1892	Jan. 1, 1892
	5	xxxix-lxvi	Feb.	Feb. 5, 1892	Feb. 15, 1892	Feb. 12, 1892
	1	i-xii	Mch.	Mch. 25, 1892	Apr. 4, 1892	Apr. 2, 1892
	2	xiii-xx	June	<i>June 30, 1892</i>	July 9, 1892	June 25, 1892
1893	3	xxi-xxviii	Nov.	Oct. 30, 1892	Nov. 18, 1892	Nov. 7, 1892
	4	xxix-xl	Jan.	Jan. 18, 1893	Jan. 23, 1893	Jan. 21, 1893
	5	xli-lxviii	Feb. 2	Feb. 7, 1893	Feb. 8, 1893	Feb. 8, 1893
	1	i-xii	Mch.	Mch. 26, 1893	Apr. 5, 1893	Mch. 28, 1893
	2	xiii-xxiv	June	June 1, 1893	June 7, 1893	June 6, 1893
1894	3	(none)	Sep.	Sep. 30, 1893	Oct. 7, 1893	Sep. 29, 1893
	4	xxv-xl	Dec.	Dec. 28, 1893	Jan. 1, 1894	Dec. 29, 1893
	5	xli-lxvii	Feb. 6	^o Feb. 15, 1894	Feb. 12, 1894	Feb. 12, 1894
	1	i-xii ^w	^x Apr.		^x May 15, 1894	^x May 2, 1894
	2	xiii-xvi	June		June 1, 1894	May 29, 1894
1895	3	xvii-xxiv	Sep.		Sep. 30, 1894	Oct. 1, 1894
	4	xxxv-xxxiv	Dec.		Dec. 7, 1894	Dec. 4, 1894
	5	xxxv-xcvi	Feb. 5		Feb. 7, 1895	Feb. 7, 1895
	1	i-xvi	Apr. 25		Apr. 25, 1895	Apr. 25, 1895
	2	(none)	June 1		May 31, 1895	May 28, 1895
	3	xvii-xx	Sep. 23		Sep. 23, 1895	Sep. 24, 1895
	4	xxi-xl	Dec. 18		Dec. 18, 1895	Dec. 12, 1895
	5	xli-lxxxiii	Jan. 31		Jan. 30, 1896	Jan. 31, 1896

^w Not given on cover with list of contents but published with this part.

^x v. App. D.

APPENDIX A.

ON THE DATES OF THE VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS
PUBLISHED BY THE FORMER ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE date of Part i is definitely fixed by the Minute Book of the Society as being July 1st, 1807, this having been fixed by Resolution as the day for Publication which, as non-members had not access to the meetings, was to be effected by sending copies to several publishing firms; the part, however, was apparently ready before this date.

Part ii was printed and laid on the table on April 4th, 1809, but owing to an irregularity as to the papers printed, was referred to a Committee, which met on April 17th, and reported to the Meeting held on May 2nd, when it was ordered that it "be forthwith published." As it was ready a month before, there was nothing to delay it.

Part iii was ordered "to be published forthwith" on Sept. 1st, 1812, which was done during the month, as appears by the Minutes of the Meeting of Oct. 7th, but there is nothing to show whether on Sept. 1st it was ready for immediate publication.

The dates are as follows:—

Part i, **July 1st, 1807.**

Part ii, Early in **May 1809** (probably May 3rd).

Part iii, **Sept. 1812.**

APPENDIX B.

ON THE DATES OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM JANUARY 1840
TO DECEMBER 1846.

The Journal of Proceedings for these seven years was printed in sheets of 16 pp. each, and distributed gratis to members, and sold to the public at one shilling per sheet. These were reprinted in 1864, but the original sheets are very scarce; the Entomological Society does not possess a single copy. There is one, bound by itself, in the Insect Department at South Kensington, presented (almost too generously) by our Society, another, up to p. 144, bound with vol. iv (First Series), in the Hope Department at the Oxford University Museum, a third, bound up with the same volume, at the Linnean Society, and a torn copy in

the British Museum, these being all I have been able to unearth. All gave me the impression of being reprints, but having at last been able, by the courtesy of Mr. O. E. Janson, to inspect a complete copy, unbound, in the exact state in which they were distributed at the Meetings and received by his late father, I found that they all agreed in every respect, including the lettering at the foot of the pages and the fact that the third sheet was numbered II, like the second, the fourth being, however, numbered IV, as in the other copies. These sheets never came into the hands of Messrs. Longmans & Co., and Messrs. Taylor & Francis can find no record of them, though entries in the old Minute Books show that they were printed by the former representatives of their firm. The sheets were ten in number and their contents were as follows:—

- I. The year 1840.
- II. Jan. 4th, 1841—end of description of *Nigidius grandis*, July 5th, 1841.
- III. Rest of July 5th, 1841—end of description of *Monohammus mixtus*, Nov. 1st, 1841.
- IV. Rest of Nov. 1st, 1841—definition of genus *Anodonta*, April 4th, 1842.
- V. Rest of April 4th, 1842—end of Aug. 1st, 1842.
- VI. Oct. 3rd, 1842—nearly end of Nov. 6th, 1843.
- VII. Rest of Nov. 6th, 1843 (6 lines)—middle of the description of *Ploiaria bispinosa*, July 1st, 1844.
- VIII. Rest of July 1st, 1844—nearly end of July 7th, 1845.
- IX. Rest of July 7th, 1845 (8 lines)—end of 1845.
- X. The year 1846.

The old Minute Books show that Sheet I was published June 7th, 1841, the only other mentioned being a “new part” on Dec. 4th, 1843; this might from its contents have been either V or VI, but an entry on Oct. 7th, 1844, shows that up to that time only five sheets had been printed, so that this date (Dec. 4th, 1843) must refer to Sheet V, containing the Proceedings up to Aug. 1842. Notices of the printing of these Proceedings are given on the covers of the various parts of vols. iii, iv, and v, as follows: Vol. iii, pt. 1 (published Jan. 27th, 1842) announces Sheet I (published six months previously!) and states that the Proceedings for 1841 are in the Press; pt. 2 (published Sept. 2nd, 1842) announces those for 1840 and 1841, those for 1843 being in the Press; this

notice is repeated in pt. 3 (published Jan. 2nd, 1843); pt. 4 (published Jan. 1st, 1844), and vol. iv, pt. 1 (published April 7th, 1845), announce those for 1840, 1841 and 1842, stating that those for 1843 are in the Press; vol. iv, pt. 2, and subsequent parts, merely announce that the Journal of Proceedings from 1840 is printed for gratuitous distribution among the members, and for sale to the public, price 1s. per sheet. All this is very difficult to reconcile with facts, seeing that the sheets (except I and X) are wholly independent of the end of any year, and frequently end in the middle of a meeting. Probably, however, it implies that Sheets II and III were issued together before Sept. 2nd, 1842, and Sheets IV and V before Jan. 1st, 1844, which corresponds with the fact actually established that Sheet V was issued on Dec. 4th, 1843, though the expression "a new part" of the Proceedings would seem to indicate an earlier date for Sheet IV. This is borne out by the fact that Sheets II, III and IV were received by the Linnean Society on March 6th, 1843, which, taken in connection with the notice on the cover of vol. iii, pt. 2, narrows down the date of Sheet IV to the interval between Jan. 2nd and March 6th, 1843. After Sheet V, the only indication of dates we possess is that Sheet VI was received by the Linnean Society on Nov. 29th, 1845, and Sheet VII on April 21st, 1846.

A Minute of the Council Meeting on Aug. 5th, 1844, directed the Secretary and Treasurer to make arrangements for the continuation of the publication of the Proceedings, and another entry of Oct. 7th states that the Secretary read a letter from Messrs. R. & J. Taylor, "agreeing to publish the Proceedings *in the Annals of Natural History*, on the same terms as originally adopted, they having agreed to alter their bill for the *five* sheets already published." The italics are mine. Here was new light, and a short search in the publication mentioned showed that *all* the Proceedings since 1840 had been so published, and that in every case where the distribution of these sheets could be traced, the date was subsequent to that of the part of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History in which the same information appeared; it follows, therefore, that these sheets were merely a reprint, and that the date of all names, etc., contained in them is that of the part of this magazine in which they appeared. I have given above all the available information with

regard to the date of these sheets, in order to enable any who may be interested to work out this fact for themselves, merely adding that the publishers inform me that this Magazine has always been obtainable by the public on the first day of the month of issue. The actual dates for all purposes of priority are therefore as follows:—

Proceedings for—

Jan. 6th—April 6th, 1840	Jan. 1st, 1841.
May 4th—Dec. 7th, 1840	April 1st, 1841.
Jan. 4th, 1841	July 1st, 1841.
Feb. 1st, 1841	Sep. 1st, 1841.
Mch. 1st—April 5th, 1841	Nov. 1st, 1841.
May 5th—July 5th, 1841	Dec. 1st, 1841.
Aug. 2nd—Oct. 4th, 1841	Feb. 1st, 1842.
Nov. 1st 1841 (to end of Saunders' memoir)	July 1st, 1842.
Nov. 1st, 1841 (from beginning of West- wood's memoir)—Feb. 7th, 1842	Sep. 1st, 1842.
March 7th—April 4th, 1842	Jan. 1st, 1843.
May 2nd—June 6th, 1842	April 1st, 1843.
July 4th—Aug. 1st, 1842	June 1st, 1843.
Sep. 5th—Nov. 7th, 1842*	Nov. 1st, 1843.
Jan. 2nd—Mch. 6th, 1843	Dec. 1st, 1844.
Apr. 3rd—June 4th, 1843	June 1st, 1845.
July 3rd—Sep. 4th, 1843	July 1st, 1845.
Oct. 2nd—Dec. 4th, 1843	Sep. 1st, 1845.
Jan. 1st—Mch. 4th, 1844	Oct. 1st, 1845.
April 1st—Aug. 5th, 1844	Jan. 1st, 1846.
Oct. 7th—Dec. 2nd, 1844	April 1st, 1846.
Jan. 6th—April 7th, 1845	July 1st, 1846.
May 5th—July 7th, 1845	Nov. 1st, 1846.
Aug. 4th—Sep. 1st, 1845, to end of Saunders' memoir	Dec. 1st, 1846.
Sep. 1st, from Further Notes on the Honey- bee—Dec. 1st, 1845	Jan. 1st, 1847.
Jan. 5th—June 1st, 1846	Feb. 1st, 1847.
Aug. 3rd—Dec. 7th, 1846	Mch. 1st, 1847.

* The Proceedings for Dec. 1842 were omitted from the Magazine ; fortunately they contain no descriptions. The long interval between this and the next instalment explains the instruction given on Aug. 5th, 1844, to the Treasurer and Secretary (*v. supra*).

APPENDIX C.

NOTES ON THE DATES OF PUBLICATION SINCE 1896.

Since the beginning of the year 1896 each part has borne the month and day of publication, and with very few exceptions these may be taken as correct, Messrs. Longmans & Co. having generally received them on the same or the following day. There are a few occasions on which they have been sent out to the Fellows on the day previous to that on which they were dated, but even in these cases it is only those resident in the London district who have received them before the nominal date of publication, and such may well be regarded as cases of "preferential distribution." The very few cases of more important discrepancy are as follows:—

Vol.	Part.	Dated.	Received by Messrs. Longmans.
1900	3	Oct. 22nd	Oct. 12th
1903	2	June 2nd	May 30th
1907	5	April 14th	April 22nd

The last of these is quite unimportant.

APPENDIX D.

ON PART I OF THE VOLUME FOR 1894.

In the Proceedings in the volume for 1894, p. xxii, it is recorded that Sir George (then Mr.) Hampson raised a question as to the date of Part I of the Transactions for that year, certain names depending on the date for their priority. The date on p. 1 is "March," that on the cover "April" (unfortunately not a unique discrepancy), and the part was actually issued in May. A few copies were sent out to Members of the Council on April 9th, and the issue was immediately stopped because a figure on Plate 1, which had been cancelled, had never been replaced, and a blank appeared on the plate where the figure should have been. No copies had been sent to Messrs. Longmans, none had been sold, none were distributed outside the Council, and those issued were recalled, and it was held

that no publication had taken place. A discussion took place at the Meeting of June 6th on the question raised by Sir George Hampson, and he proposed, "having regard to the Secretary's statement," that May 2nd should be held to be the date. There is no record of what the Secretary did say, and the Council Minute Book of that period is unfortunately the one missing volume (*v. App. F*), but the Postage Book shows that he might very well have said that the revised Part was delivered to the Society and issued by them on May 2nd, and on this information Sir George Hampson's proposal was undoubtedly right. Amendments were proposed, and Mr. Verrall's, referring the matter to a Committee, was adopted. Now the only thing open to such a Committee to do was to find out whether the Part in question had been published at an *earlier* date than May 2nd, as the evidence of its publication by that date was complete, but at the meeting on Dec. 5th they reported that the first day it was available at the Publishers was May 11th, which was consequently "fixed" as the date of publication. With the information now available it is impossible to account for this date at all, the day on which Messrs. Longmans received their copies of the Part being May 15th. There can, however, be no doubt that, the decree of the Council notwithstanding, the real date of the publication of Part 1 for 1894 is May 2nd of that year.

APPENDIX E.

ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE PRINTING FIRMS EMPLOYED BY THE SOCIETY.

The first volume of the First Series of Transactions (together with the Proceedings), consisting of three Parts, was published by Richard Taylor, Red Lion Court, a firm now represented by Messrs. Taylor & Francis at the same address. The sheets of Proceedings distributed at the Meetings of the Society between 1840 and 1846 were also printed (or rather reprinted, *v. App. B*) by the same firm, but they have been unable to find any record of these, though they have kindly furnished the exact dates of publication of the first volume. From 1837 to 1879 the printing was entrusted to various firms of Roworth, now represented by Messrs. Roworth & Co., of 19, Newton

Street, and C. F. Roworth, of 88, Fetter Lane. The former of these firms informs me that all the books which might have given information were destroyed by a fire in 1880, whilst the latter, whose books up to 1850 have also been destroyed, have kindly provided me with almost all dates of delivery to the Society between 1850 and 1867, and also with a few subsequent to that year. These, I believe, may be regarded as exact and reliable, though it is possible that in some cases copies may not actually have been obtainable till the following day.

Messrs. West, Newman & Co., who printed the Transactions from 1880–1893, have furnished me with dates for those years, which, however, are not to be relied on for fixing dates of publication, as the following extract from their letter shows: “We do not guarantee these dates at all as the exact ones of issue. We have taken them from our Ledger books—the only possible method at this distance of time. To look up deliveries would be a question of an immense time, even if we have all our delivery books to refer to, which is unlikely.” A few of the dates given are manifestly incorrect, as they are later than those of the Postage Book of the Society, but since they are, as a rule, earlier than any others obtainable, I have given the entire list, though I have not ventured to use them as the dates of publication.

The printing firm employed from 1894 to 1897 I have been unable to trace.

APPENDIX F.

ON THE BOOKS OF MINUTES, ETC., IN THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY.

In addition to the Books at present in use, the Society possesses—

(1) A book containing

(a) The Minutes of the Meetings of the Aurelian Society from July 1801 to Jan. 14th, 1805.

(b) Those of the Entomological Society of London from May 6th, 1806, to July 19th, 1822.

(The Meetings after 1812 were very irregular.)

(2) The Treasurer's Account Book from 1806 to 1808.

- (3) Council and General Meetings from May 3rd, 1833, to May 1st, 1837.
- (4) General, Council, and Publication Committee Meetings from May 1st, 1837, to Jan. 6th, 1845.
- (5) Council and General Meetings from Jan. 27th, 1845, to Jan. 24th, 1848.
- (6) Council Meetings from Feb. 7th, 1848, to Dec. 3rd, 1860.
- (7) General Meetings from Feb. 7th, 1848, to Dec. 6th, 1856.
- (8) Meetings of Council from Jan. 22nd, 1855, to July 5th, 1869 (rough notes only).
- (9) Council Meetings from Jan. 7th, 1861, to July 1st, 1872.
- (10) General Meetings from Feb. 2nd, 1863, to Nov. 6th, 1871.
- (11) General Meetings from Nov. 20th, 1871, to Aug. 4th, 1883.
- (12) Council Meetings from Feb. 2nd, 1898, to Jan. 18th, 1911; and Business Committee Meetings from Nov. 18th, 1908, to Jan. 18th, 1911.
- (13) General Meetings from Dec. 5th, 1894, to March 6th, 1907.
- (14) Postage Book of the Transactions from 1879 to 1908.

It will be seen that the Minutes of the Council Meetings are wanting from July 1872 to Feb. 1898, and those of the General (Ordinary) Meetings from Jan. 1857 to Feb. 1863, and from Aug. 1883 to Dec. 1894, which is the more to be regretted since the early records are quite perfect. Since 1908 only the Exchange Copies of the Transactions have been posted from the Society's Rooms, though the postage account of these continues to be kept.

The Books at present in use are: (1) The Obligation Book, (2) Attendance Book, (3) Minutes of Ordinary Meetings, (4) Minutes of Council and Business Committee Meetings, (5) Additions to the Library.

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