

7. The tribe should occupy an intermediate place between the sub-family and genus. (Unanimous.)

8. The authority for the species and not for the generic combination should follow the name of an insect. (Divided opinion.)

9. The proposition of a genus by simple designation of a type is to be greatly deprecated. All new names should be accompanied by ample definitions that will permit no doubt as to the species intended or as to the characters of the genus proposed. (Unanimous.)

10. No description should be made from a figure. (Unanimous.)

11. The number of individuals upon which either a specific or generic diagnosis is based should always be stated. (Unanimous.)

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. E. B. Reed, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

That the report of the committee be adopted, and that any rules on which this committee have expressed a divided opinion have a marginal note attached thereto, reciting such fact.

It was also resolved that all the explanations, &c., offered in the majority report be referred back to the committee with power to print such explanations as may be agreed on, with the rules.

Moved by Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, seconded by S. H. Scudder—That no alteration or addition to the rules now adopted be made, unless such alteration or addition be proposed at one annual meeting of the Club, and be adopted at a subsequent annual meeting. Carried unanimously.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, resulting as follows:—President, Dr. LeConte; Vice-President, S. H. Scudder; Secretary, C. V. Riley.

Mr. Scudder brought to the notice of the members a pattern insect box, which he believed to be pest-proof. These boxes are exceedingly well made (manufacturers, Hancock & Greeley, Cambridgeport, Mass.), are about 19 x 15 in., and are sold at \$2.70 each, without cork.

Mr. Saunders suggested the desirability of the Club appointing a permanent committee to whom disputed points in reference to Entomological matters might be referred. (On motion of Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Saunders, it was resolved that the Permanent Committee of the Club shall consist of the President, as chairman, and four other members to be named by him.

Mr. Lintner presented to the meeting a very complete and extensive list of insects taken at sugar by him during the present season. These were arranged in a tabular form in a very neat and methodical manner, showing at a glance the insects taken each evening, and whether they were abundant or scarce.

On motion of Mr. Riley, Dr. Larkin was requested to bring before the Club some facts in reference to a mite said to be parasitic on the human subject, when he read a very amusing letter from an afflicted patient in reference to this matter. The Club then adjourned.

ON GENERA.

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(Read before the Entomological Club of the A. A. A. S., at Buffalo, N. Y.)

There will hardly be a naturalist who has not spent considerable time to study the questions:—What is a genus, and what are generic characters? Indeed, work is nearly impossible without having taken a position with regard to these questions. A full record of the literature, even the most condensed one, would be here out of place, but I have been induced by a recent and most surprising discovery bearing upon this question to make this communication. I have been speaking here only about *natural* genera. The consideration of the genus as an artificial division differs fundamentally, and to avoid mistake we