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Mr. Bates' letters to Alfred" is written in pencil, probably by Mrs. Wallace, at the end of this letter which also contains the following interesting reference to Wallace who was on the point of returning from his first expedition up the Rio Negro and the unknown Uaupés:—

"I think no one knew where he was residing and many months have passed since he wrote to Pará. I have just heard, however, that he is expected daily at Pará [the modern Manaus] of the Rio Negro with a very rich collection and I will write him by the first canoe that leaves for that place."

The collection referred to was, with others, destroyed when Wallace's ship was wrecked and was abandoned, on the voyage home, in August 1852.

The speaker felt sure that these few intimate details concerning the lives of two of the greatest among our past Fellows would be gladly received by the Fellows of the Society.

**Notes of publication and contents of the parts of Westwood (J. O.).  
*Introduction to the Modern classification of Insects, 1838-1840.***

PROULTON said that he had received the following notes by Mr. F. J. Griffin, Secretary of the Society.

I recently discovered whilst referring to the Minute Books of the Society that Westwood's *Introduction* appeared not in two volumes as is generally believed, but in a number of parts issued at intervals. I did not publish the results I then obtained as the records were not quite complete and I hoped to be able in some way to bring them to a finality before publication; this I am pleased to say is now possible owing to the kindness of Prof. Poulton. It is well known that Westwood was the first 'Professor' and that his Library is under the charge of that department. In 1911, at Oxford recently, I discovered Westwood's own copy of his work with the original still in existence and manuscript notes of the contents in Westwood's handwriting. Printed on the wrappers is the date of publication for the month and day but from the information in the Society's Minute Books, it is quite apparent that publication was made very early in the month if not actually on the 1st. Westwood was in the habit, it appears, of bringing the current part of his *Introduction* to the Meetings of the Entomological Society and presenting a copy to the Secretary and it is the record of this gift which fixes the date conclusively. It will be noted that in a few cases the Society was very late in receiving their part, so that in these cases no date other than the month can be fixed from the records. I am much indebted to Prof. Poulton for his assistance.

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