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Dr. Egger's views of the specific relationship of the Foraminifera are liberal. Following Brady for the most part, he fully recognizes that "varieties" are here little more than individual modifications of the "species," and that these, not widely separate one from another, often coalesce, leaving non-essential features as sufficient characteristics for convenience of grouping and registration. With all their capability of adapting themselves to varying conditions, and their consequent extreme plasticity of form, they yet possess a well-recognized fixity of type. Dr. Egger's abundant figures of individuals grouped by certain alliances of form and structure offer strong confirmation of this, and will be of great use both to the Student who wishes to become acquainted with this Protozoan series and to the more advanced Biologist who might wish to have at hand some comprehensive illustrations of typical Foraminifera. This memoir is a very valuable addition to foregoing monographic descriptions of these interesting and cosmopolitan Protozoa. We are sure that the Author's having chosen to work on the lines of Brady's 'Challenger' Report will be of advantage in securing some uniformity in the treatment of the "genera" and "species" among the many would-be rhizopodists of to-day, who are bewildered with the almost endless varietal forms of the creatures themselves and with the complicated synonymy with which they have been over-loaded.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the Dates of Sowerby's 'Genera of Recent and Fossil Shells.'

To the Editors of the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History.'

Gentlemen,—Considerable trouble has been caused by the difficulty of fixing the dates of the separately published parts of this book; and a recent request from Mr. W. H. Dall, of Washington, for exact information has led me to investigate the matter. The book was published at intervals between 1822 and 1834 (?); forty-two parts were issued, the contents of which have been given by R. B. Newton, who was the first to print a collation of "The Genera" in his Syst. List Edwards Collection (Catal. Brit. Mus.), 1891, p. 321. These contents were taken from a set of original wrappers, of which only two are dated, preserved in the Natural History Museum.

In the course of my research I have been delighted to find, through the courtesy of Mr. Harting and Mr. Kappel, the original MS. Donation Books of the Linnean Society between 1822 (end) and 1840, in a perfect condition. These manuscript records are priceless for bibliographic purposes, as they show every appearance of careful recording. Many periodicals have also beenransacked, particularly Féruassac's 'Bulletin des Sciences Naturelles,' section ii., 1824–31, the 'Zoological Journal,' 1824–34, &c., by Mr. Newton, Mr. J. Saunders, and myself; but the evident exactness of the Donation Book of the Linnean Society permits its quotation as sufficient authority for those portions of the work it refers to.
Miscellaneous.

[The Genera was announced as a forthcoming work in the ‘Annals of Philosophy,’ Oct. 1821, p. 318.]

10. No record.
13. " Mar. 21, "
14. " Apr. 4, "
15. " June 3, "
16. " July 31, "
17. " Aug. 20, "
18. " Sept. 1, "
19. " Oct. 11, "
20. " Nov. 29, "
22. 1824. " " Mar. 27, "
23. " June 3, "
26. Nov. 8, "
27. 1826. " Jan. 12, 1826.
28. June 28, "
31. " Dec. 22, " [Erroneously entered as part 33.]
33. " Mar. 2, "
34. " Apr. 4, "
35. " May 5, "
36. 1832. " Jan. 4, 1832. [Specified as 'London, 1832.']
38. 1832? [This part contains Placanamonia, described in Proc. Zool. Soc. 1832, p. 28 (April †).]
39. 1833? [This part contains Solenella, described in Proc. Zool. Soc. 1832, p. 197 (March 1833).]
40. 1833? [This part contains Cumingia, described in Proc. Zool. Soc. 1833, p. 34 (May 1833).]
41. 1834?
42. 1834? [This part contains Lottia, described in Phil. Trans. 1833, p. 800 (read June 13th, published later in 1833).]

[N.B.—Mr. W. H. Dall writes to me (Feb. 14, 1894) as follows:—
No. 1 (first edition) was sent out in 1820 with a prospectus. A pause then ensued before it was decided by Sowerby to go on with it. Nos. 1 and 2 appeared, with a better printed text for No. 1, late in 1820, which subscribers were requested, on the cover, to use instead of that first issued.]

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* All received by Linn. Soc. May 11, 1837.