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PREFACE.

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THE present volume concludes the Geometræ. A plate has been added containing a number of figures which were not given in their proper places in preceding volumes, but which it has since been thought advisable to reproduce. The same may be said of the description of the larva of *Sterrha sacraria* which appears at the end.

I have again to thank Mr. G. C. Bignell for the list of parasites relating to the species treated of in the volume; and Mr. W. Denison Roebuck for his assistance in copying out the descriptions, etc.

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EMMELESIA AFFINITATA.

Plate CXXVIII, fig. 1.

For many years a number of friends tried to send me the long-desired larva of *Emmelesia affinitata*, which I have been unable to meet with here, yet their several consignments of seed-eating geometers invariably proved to be its more common congener *E. decolorata*, until Mr. C. G. Barrett turned his attention to this somewhat local species, and it is entirely owing to his very kind efforts, sustained for two or three seasons, that my desire has been accomplished.

Of this species Mr. Barrett first sent me four eggs in 1876, at the beginning of July, but on that occasion, for want of the proper food-plant, the young larvæ were not reared much beyond their second moult, on seeds of *Lychnis vespertina*, a substitute food; but in 1878 Mr. Barrett found and sent me from Pembroke two young larvæ on July 27th, feeding in seed-capsules of *Lychnis diurna*. One, unfortunately injured, died next day, but was replaced by another on the 2nd of August, and supplemented by two more on the 19th, together with needful supplies of the seed-capsules, followed by more.