

ENTOMOLOGICAL ITEMS.

“IN MY OPINION you not only render service to science by the publication in your columns of original memoirs on general entomology, but you are and will be still more more useful to savants by your bibliographical record.”—A. ROBIN, *Paris, France*, 4 Feb. 1880.

THOUGH BUT indirectly entomological, by serving as a guide to the newspapers in the United States, where entomological articles may be found, *Rowell's Newspaper Directory* may be mentioned here as the one great authority upon its subject. We as bibliographers may strain a point to call attention to the foremost work of its kind.

UNDER THE name of *Société d'Etudes Zoologiques*, a society has recently been established in Paris, for the purpose of forming a library of general zoology, from which books may be loaned to members living at a distance from great libraries. The members, moreover, exchange analyses of recent works, and the officers undertake to make bibliographical researches in the libraries of Paris for their colleagues residing elsewhere.

DR. OSKAR KRANCHER, of Leipzig, son of Mr. L. Krancher, the editor of the *Deutscher Bienenfreund*, will soon publish a dissertation containing the results of his studies upon the stigmata of insects. These studies were made in the zoological laboratory of Leipzig university, during the past summer, under the direction of Professor R. Leuckart.

THE FRENCH government are trying to introduce the culture of the vine in New Caledonia. The grasshoppers will not allow the sugar-cane to grow, and they soon strip maize; so that the people have to import from Sidney what would grow luxuriantly on their own land were it free from these pests.—*Colonies and India*, 23 Oct 1880, p. 9.

ENERGETIC MEASURES are being taken by the government [of Cyprus] for the suppression of the plague of the locust, each inhabitant being bound to send in eight okes (about 19 lbs.) [really 22.63 lbs. = 10.26 Kg.] weight of locust eggs. Many thousand pounds weight are thus sent in and destroyed.—*Colonies and India*, 6 Nov. 1880, p. 13.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

THE REGULAR meetings of the Cambridge Entomological Club will be held at 19 Follen St., at 7.45 p. m., on the days following:—

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| 8 Oct. 1880. | 11 Mar. 1881. |
| 12 Nov. " | 8 Apr. " |
| 10 Dec. " | 13 May " |
| 14 Jan. 1881. | 10 June " |
| 11 Feb. " | |

B: PICKMAN MANN, *Secretary*.

THE REGULAR meetings of the Entomological Section of the Boston Society of Natural History will be held at N. W. corner of Berkeley and Boylston Sts., Boston, Mass., at 7.45 p.m., on the days following:—

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| 27 Oct. 1880. | 23 Feb. 1881. |
| 24 Nov. " | 23 Mar. " |
| 22 Dec. " | 27 Apr. " |
| 26 Jan. 1881. | 25 May " |

B: PICKMAN MANN, *Secretary*.

THE REGULAR meetings of the Entomological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences, of Philadelphia, Pa., will be held at S. W. corner of 19th and Race Sts., on the days following:—

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| 8 Oct. 1880. | 11 Mar. 1881. |
| 12 Nov. " | 8 Apr. " |
| 10 Dec. " | 13 May " |
| 14 Jan. 1881. | 10 June " |
| 11 Feb. " | |

JAMES H. RIDINGS, *Recorder*.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL meetings of the American Entomological Society will be held at S. W. corner of 19th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., on the days following:—

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| 13 Dec. 1880. | 13 June 1881. |
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JAMES H. RIDINGS, *Recording Secretary*.

THE REGULAR monthly meetings of the Montreal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, will be held at Montreal, Que., Canada, on the days following:—

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| 7 Sept. 1880. | 4 Jan. 1881. |
| 5 Oct. " | 1 Feb. " |
| 2 Nov. " | 1 Mar. " |
| 7 Dec. " | 5 Apr. " |

G: H. BOWLES, *Secretary*.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

DUE 15 OCT. 1882.—Life-histories of *Sclerostoma syngamus* and of *Strongilus pergracilis*. See PSYCHE, v. 3, p. 59.



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