

ENTOMOLOGICAL ITEMS.

HENRY HOLT & Co., of New York, will soon publish a general illustrated work, by Samuel Hubbard Scudder, on the structure, metamorphoses, habits, ornamentation, dimorphism, ancestry, and other peculiarities of butterflies, including life-histories of a large number of North American species.

DR. AUERBACH, writing to the "Chemiker-Zeitung," mentions as a curious fact that during an entire summer he observed water-beetles — probably *Gyrinus natator* — living in tanks of a saturated solution of Glauber's salt. When alarmed the beetles took shelter under the crystals, just as they do in ordinary circumstances under water plants. A little of the liquid so harmless to insects, having found its way by leakage into an adjoining river, proved fatal to multitudes of fish. — *Fourn. of sci.*, March 1880, p. 213.

AT THE sixty-eighth meeting of the Société Helvétique des Sciences Naturelles in Brigue, 13-15 September 1880, Mr. Joseph Anderegg, of Gamsen, a village near Brigue, exhibited a fine collection of about a thousand species of the lepidoptera of the region. Many of the species were represented by numerous specimens, and the collection, which gave a good idea of the lepidopterous fauna of the Simplon region, was very finely prepared and preserved.

THE U. S. Entomological Commission designs preparing for publication a bibliography of the economic entomology of the United States and Canada, in the same style as the Bibliographical Record of PSYCHE. This bibliography will contain references to papers, articles and notes in agricultural and popular scientific periodicals, and in journals devoted to bee culture, and as complete as possible references will be made to notes on economic entomology in those periodicals which appeared prior to 1850. The compiler, Dr. A. S. Packard, jr., Secretary of the commission, requests that authors will forward to him, at Providence, R. I., full records of their publications upon this subject, made out in the adopted style.

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:—

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:—

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:—

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:—

13 Dec. 1880.	13 June, 1881.
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JAMES H. RIDINGS, *Rec. Sec'y*.

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:—

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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