

chester University Museum) and two specimens in the Canon Hervey collection (at the Brathey Field Centre, Ambleside).

Thus at the present time we have no confirmed specimens of *flavifrontella* from Cumbria. Other records of *josephinae* include a few localities in southern England, Cairngorm NNR in Scotland (McAlpine, *Ent. Rec.* 91:67) and Aberdeenshire (Palmer, *Ent. Rec.* 88:201).

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BOOK TALK NINE. — The Rev. John Burrell's "A catalogue of [coleopterous] insects found in Norfolk", must be one of the rarest as well as earliest — perhaps *the* earliest — of published local lists. Issued in 1807-10 in *Trans.ent.Soc.Lond.* 1(1-2):101-240, it includes some 800 species with brief notes on each. Burrell was also a lepidopterist, and supplied A. H. Haworth with Norfolk records for the *Lepidoptera Britannica* (1803-28). My copy of the latter formerly belonged to Burrell and bears his ms. annotations, with on page 98 the following quaint inscription apparently with reference to *Scoliopteryx libatrix* L.: The Herald: "July 1808, a Pair fell in Statu Cop. into my Cart, as I drove my Family through a lane near Hoe in Norfolk. J.B."

Probably the best known, and certainly the most informative, of those useful works arranged in calendar form, is J. W. Tutt's *Practical hints for the field lepidopterist* (3 vols., 1901-05. A 2nd edition of vol. 1, with additional material, appeared in 1908). Others similarly arranged that come to mind are: R. Shields' *Practical hints respecting moths and butterflies* (1856); J. Merrin's *The Lepidopterist's calendar* 1860; and a 2nd much enlarged edition in 1875; H. T. Stainton's *The entomologist's companion; being a guide to the collection of microlepidoptera and comprising a calendar of the British Tineidae* (1st edition, 1852; 2nd edition, 1854); and, C. Jourdheuille's *Calendrier du microlepidoteriste. Recherche des chenilles*, 3 parts, 74pp. (Originally published in *Annls. Soc. ent. Fr.* 1869-70, 4th ser. IX: 533-548, X:111-134, 233-266). — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

FURTHER SCOTTISH RECORDS OF THE SCARCE FOOTMAN, EILEMA COMPLANA L. (LEP.: ARCTIIDAE) — A group of records was published recently for south-west Scotland (Wallace & Wallace, *Ent. Rec.* 98: 209-210). Those records were based only on larvae. This year, a larva was successfully reared from Ringdoo, Muncraig, Borge (grid ref 25/603457). The larva was offered a variety of seaside lichens and fed upon *Ramalina*.

At the time of writing the first note, the present author was unaware of the Scottish Insects Record Index (SIRI) run by the Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh; this ignorance was correctly and usefully exposed by Shaw (*Ent. Rec.*, (1987) **99**: 37-38). The author is most grateful to Miss Isobel Baldwin of the Royal Museum of Scotland for supplying photocopies of historic published records for *Eilema complana*. This note provides an opportunity to commend the SIRI to entomologists, particularly holidaying 'foreigners'.

The additional records for Scotland are:—

- (1) Elgin — rare — Mr. Gellie. Gordon, G. *Zoologist* for 1861: 7667. There are no recent records for Elgin. Ms Christine Sangster of the Elgin Museum reports that there are specimens in their collection, including some in material assembled by a local collector; unfortunately, all these lack data. The similar common footman, which has *Lithosia complanula* Boisduval as a popular synonym, has been recently recorded from Elgin in Heath *et al* (1979) *Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* **9**, Mr. Gellie's record may refer to the common footman.
- (2) Marchmount, Dumfries — not common. Lenonn, W. *Transactions of the Dumfries & Galloway Natural History & Antiquarian Society* for 1862-3: 56. This record is believable, however, it is possible that the record could refer to the common footman which is recorded from the area by Heath *et al* (*op. cit*) but is missing from Lenonn's list. Dumfries town does not seem to offer the rocky coast that the scarce footman seems to require in south west Scotland.
- (3) Mull of Galloway — one — Mr. Henderson the lighthouse keeper. Jackson, D. J. *Ent. Rec.* **22**:117. There would seem to be no good reason to doubt this record.
- (4) Galashiels. A very dubious larval record is doubted and discussed by Bolam, G. *History of the Berwickshire Naturalist's Club* (1926) **25**: 554. I. D. WALLACE, Liverpool Museum 6.4.1987.

THE FEATHERED BRINDLE, APOROPHYLA AUSTRALIS (BOISD.) (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) FROM PEMBROKESHIRE — On 22.v.1986, an attractive, but unfamiliar, large noctuid caterpillar was accidentally dislodged from vegetation alongside a car park at Broomhill Burrows, Freshwater West, Pembrokeshire (grid ref SM(12) 885000). After a short search, another two were found. A variety of adjacent food-plants were offered and kidney vetch *Anthyllis vulneraria* L. was accepted. Within a week all three larvae had pupated; two shrivelled within their cocoons but a slightly crippled female emerged the following September.



Wallace, I. D. 1987. "Further Scottish records of the scarce footman, *Eilema complana* L. (Lep.: Arctiidae)." *The entomologist's record and journal of variation* 99, 232–233.

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