

given by the Newark, Brooklyn and New York Entomological Societies to the Association of Economic Entomologists and the Entomological Society of America.

The executive committee at a meeting held December 29th, decided to call a meeting of the society at Boston, Mass., in connection with the meetings of the International Zoological Congress in August, 1907. Fuller announcement will be made later.

The dues of the new society are one dollar a year and all persons *interested in entomology* in "The Americas" are invited to apply for membership. The membership now exceeds two hundred and fifty.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science granted affiliation to the new society at their New York meeting.—E. S. G. TITUS, *Secretary*.

A PARASITE OF THE MAPLE LEAF-STEM BORER, *Priophorus acericaulis* MAC GILLIVRAY.—In the November number of the NEWS, Dr. W. E. Britton in his account of the maple leaf-stem borer or sawfly, *Priophorus acericaulis* Mac Gillivray and its occurrence in Connecticut, mentions the fact that this was undoubtedly the species found by Dr. J. B. Smith in New Jersey. This was the case and with us the insect was very local occurring on only a few trees in South Orange as may be seen by referring to the reports of the New Jersey Agriculture Experimental Station. Our experience with the insect was similar to that recorded by Dr. Britton, except that we did not breed out the adults. We did rear, however, some half dozen examples of a parasite not recorded as infesting this insect and not mentioned by Dr. Britton unless it is one he refers to as resembling *Pteromalus*. This was sent to Dr. Ashmead who determined it as *Sympiesis quercicola* Ashm. The parasites emerged on June 16.—EDGAR L. DICKERSON.

INSECTS GATHERING ON STRAW FLOWERS.—While in the vicinity of Bridgeton, N. J., September 11, 1906, my attention was called by the grower to a small patch of straw flowers which were infested with insects. This plant is a species of Compositæ and the flowers which are greenish in color, are used for winter decorations, etc. Upon examining the patch I found a number of specimens of *Tragidon coquus* Lec. many of which were in copulation. They apparently were not feeding but had gathered on the plants for the purpose of copulation. Besides these, a number of specimens of *Euphoria inda* L. and *sepulchralis* Fabr. were feeding upon the succulent stems of the plants and the sap or juice exuding at these injured places had attracted a few specimens of *Ips fasciatus* Oliv. Numerous insects of various orders were observed about the plants or on the blossoms and among them *Lebia grandis* Hentz,  *analis* Dej. and *Brachyacantha 4-punctata* Melsh. resting on the leaves.

The plants were located in one of the rear fields of a rather sandy farm near woodland and owing to the absence of any other plants in bloom, at the time, in the near vicinity, formed the center of attraction for the numerous insects.



I requested the owner to send me such insects as he might find on the plants within the next few days and accordingly received a few more specimens from him. In all I obtained 46 samples of *Tragidion coquus* Lec.—all similar in markings, being black with red elytral spots—and a like number of *Euphoria sepulchralis* Fabr. and *inda* L. besides those species already mentioned and several more of Coleoptera and other orders.—EDGAR L. DICKERSON.

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### Meeting of the Cotton Belt Entomologists.

The annual meeting of the Association of Official Entomologists of the Cotton Belt was held at Baton Rouge, La., on November 13th and 14th, in the Agricultural Building of the Louisiana State University.

Entomologists from the North as well as the South were in attendance, the following States being represented: Louisiana, by Wilmon Newell, B. H. Guilbeau, C. W. Flynn, J. B. Garrett, M. S. Dougherty, Harper Dean, A. H. Rosenfeld and R. S. Howell; Mississippi, by Glenn W. Herrick; Alabama, by R. S. Macintosh; Florida, by E. W. Berger; Georgia, by R. I. Smith and W. W. Chase; Tennessee, by H. A. Morgan; Arkansas, by C. F. Adams; North Carolina, by Tait Butler and R. S. Woglum; New Hampshire, by E. Dwight Sanderson; Illinois, by S. A. Forbes; Iowa, by H. E. Summers, and the Department of Agriculture, by W. D. Hunter, W. Dwight Pierce, F. C. Bishopp and W. A. Hooker, of the Bureau of Entomology, and Cooper Curtice and B. H. Ransom, of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

In the absence of the chairman and secretary, Professor Wilmon Newell called the meeting to order and Professor E. Dwight Sanderson and W. A. Hooker were elected chairman and secretary, respectively.

Tuesday's session was devoted to a discussion of the cotton boll weevil. Mr. W. D. Hunter, in charge of the boll weevil investigations of the Bureau of Entomology, opened the meeting, giving an account of the progress made in the boll weevil



Dickerson, Edgar L. 1907. "Insects gathering on straw flowers." *Entomological news, and proceedings of the Entomological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia* 18, 63–64.

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