

Dear Sir,—

A few days ago I went to a swamp where *Phaeton* feeds in early spring, and discovered several of the webs of that species spun over the stems of *Chelone glabra* and whatever other plants were contiguous. Within the webs were larvae about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, and as during the last few days, since I have had a number of them in the house, there is no appearance of feeding by the larvae, I presume they are quiet for the season and till next March. Seeing a good many *Phyciodes marcia* flying in the swamp it occurred to me to try a female with a stem of *Chelone glabra*, and I did so with satisfactory results, as three days after I enclosed her in a bag, she laid about 75 eggs on the under side of one of the leaves. I hope I have at least found the food plant of this species, after having tried a score of plants to no purpose.

W. H. EDWARDS.

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#### EDITORIAL SUMMARY

PALÆONTOLOGY OF ONTARIO.—We are much pleased to observe that the Legislature of this Province is extending its liberality in the cause of Science to other departments, besides those somewhat utilitarian branches of Entomology and Horticulture, as is eminently manifest from the excellent Report before us on the Palæontology of Ontario. It has been prepared by Prof. H. Alleyne Nicholson, of the University of Toronto, and contains descriptions and figures of the organic remains of the Devonian Formation of Western Canada. No less than one hundred and sixty species of fossils are described, and illustrated by means of nearly sixty wood-cuts in the text, and eight splendid lithographic plates. It is noteworthy, also, that all the figures are original, except two of the wood cuts. We trust that the Legislature will long continue its assistance to this excellent work, and that Prof. Nicholson may be enabled to carry out a complete investigation of the Palæontology of all the fossiliferous geological formations in this country.

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AMONG the "old country" publications that we have lately received, we may mention the 15th number of the *Scottish Naturalist* (Dr. F. B. White, Perth.) We gather from its pages that a goodly number of Field Clubs are being organized in Scotland, and that

much satisfactory work is anticipated from them. Cannot something of the kind be re-inaugurated here with a fair promise of success?—*Nature* continues to be as well filled as ever with most interesting and instructive matter; recent numbers have contained seasonable articles upon the Comet and the Transit of Venus, and a series of illustrated papers upon the observatories of the United States.—European potato growers are beginning to become alarmed at the prospect of a speedy invasion of their fields by the devastating Colorado Beetle. As it has now very nearly reached the Atlantic seaboard, we have little doubt that in another year or two it will succeed in crossing the ocean and striking terror into the hearts of all patriotic Irishmen. Mr. Newman, in a recent number of his "Entomologist," while he confuses the sweet potato with the ordinary potato, and the insects that prey upon these very different plants, expresses his disbelief in the prospect of trouble from any of our American pests. He goes on, however, to quote all the remedies against the Colorado Beetle contained in the Report of our Society—without acknowledgement!

WE REGRET to announce the death of Mr. Geo. R. Crotch, M. A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, who sailed from England to America in 1872 for the purpose of studying the Entomology of parts which he considered incompletely known. He made collections, especially of Coleoptera, in California, Vancouver's Island, Oregon and other Districts. So much were his labors valued in England that his University on two occasions voted him a sum of money to aid him in the formation of collections for the Museum at Cambridge.

THE 23RD Meeting of the American Association is to take place this month at Hartford, Conn., beginning on August 12th. Dr. LeConte is the President elect. As an invitation was extended at the Portland meeting to the members of the Entomological Society of Canada to be present on this occasion, we trust that many of our friends will make a point of attending; there will no doubt be a large attendance of insect hunters from all parts of the continent.

THE 44TH Meeting of the British Association is to be held at Belfast, under the Presidency of Prof. Tyndall. It is to commence a week later than that at Hartford.

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