

of inaccuracy. As to *Edema albicosta*, Hbn., I find on my cards after the reference to the original description:—"1825, Treit. Schmett. Eur. V., 2, 167=*albifrons* with an erroneous locality." Packard omits the name altogether, while Mr. Grote lists it as distinct. As to *Cerura*, Mr. Dyar is entirely correct. I copied the species as given in his table; but unfortunately in preparing the MSS. for the printer I failed to number *scitiscrupta*. The name was therefore put in italics and I failed to notice the error in reading proof. *Hemileuca neumogeni* and *Eutheca mora* are genuine cases of omission.

I have replied to Mr. Dyar's criticisms because they were kindly and therefore very much more apt to convey weight; also to show that it is not safe to assume that criticisms are always well founded even when not replied to.

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MANUAL OF THE MICROLEPIDOPTERA OF N. AMERICA.

Prof. C. H. Fernald, of Amherst, Mass., is at work on a manual of the Microlepidoptera of North America, a work for which his studies of the last twenty years have admirably fitted him. He has made two trips to Europe for the purpose of studying the types of our Micros in the European museums, and has studied all the prominent collections in this country. His magnificent library and collections of these moths afford him the best possible facilities for carrying out this work, which will prove a task which anyone else could hardly undertake. The immensity of this work is appalling when we consider the extent of territory embraced, the great number of species, and particularly the fact that we have so few good collectors of Micros in this country.

Prof. Fernald is particularly desirous that collectors should give especial attention to the collection of Microlepidoptera for the next few years.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we have to announce the death, on 15th March, of Mr. F. B. Caulfield, of Montreal, who has been for many years an active member of our Society. His loss will be keenly felt by the members of the Montreal branch, of which he has always been one of the chief supports. We tender our sincerest sympathy to his sorrowing family.

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