

assuming *ferrugata* to be preoccupied by the other species, is *corculata*, Hfn., *Berl. Mag.*, iv., 94.

So far as I have ascertained, *spadicearia*, Bkh., does not occur in the New World, and the following of Packard's citations must be deleted, as belonging thereto:—

Ferrugata, Cl. Ic. Ins., 6, 14, 1759 (perhaps).

Hübner, Schm. Eur., 460.

Stph., Nomencl., Br. Ins., 44, 1829.

Stph., Ill., iii., 216, 1831.

Stph., Cat. Br. Lep., 186, 1850.

Also, theoretically, the larval description from Newman's "British Moths," though practically the two larvæ are so similar that the description of one will apply to the other. Nevertheless, it will be well for American workers to bear in mind that our *ferrugata* is not identical with theirs.

PROFESSOR C. V. RILEY.

Every entomologist in North America will, we are confident, join with us in the expression of the deepest regret that Professor C. V. Riley has felt compelled, owing to the impaired state of his health, to resign his position as entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture. The admirable work that Dr. Riley and his staff have accomplished, both in scientific and economic entomology during the many years that he was Director of the Division, is so well and widely known that it is unnecessary to enter into any details here. There are few who possess in so eminent a degree as Dr. Riley scientific ability, accurate knowledge, painstaking industry and acute powers of observation; these gifts and attainments have been abundantly manifested in the immense additions that he has made to the knowledge of insect life in all its various phases, and it would be a calamity indeed if they were withdrawn from active exercise. It is gratifying, then, to learn that Dr. Riley will retain the honorary Curatorship of the Department of Insects in the U. S. National Museum, at Washington, and that he will now devote himself to some long-contemplated work of a purely scientific character. We earnestly trust that the relief from the cares and anxieties of administrative work in a Government Office will speedily restore his health and strength, and that we shall see the fruits of his labours during many a year to come.

While we deplore Dr. Riley's resignation, we cannot refrain from

expressing our gratification at the appointment of his successor. The authorities at Washington have shown their wisdom in conferring the vacant office upon Mr. L. O. Howard, who has been so long and so ably sharing in its duties as First Assistant. The Department is certainly to be congratulated upon having at hand a skilled and learned entomologist, who possesses in every respect the varied qualifications necessary for the successful performance of so important an office. We have every confidence that the world-wide reputation now possessed by the Division of Entomology at Washington, will be in nowise impaired under the administration of Mr. Howard, and we heartily wish him health, strength and long life for the successful performance of his arduous and important duties.

NOTES.

MR. C. H. TYLER TOWNSEND has resigned his position as Curator of the Museum at Kingston, Jamaica, and has returned to Las Cruces, New Mexico. He begs that his correspondents will take note of his change of address.

At the recent meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held in Ottawa (May 22-26), MR. W. H. HARRINGTON, President of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and the REV. G. W. TAYLOR, a member of the Society, were unanimously elected Fellows. The meeting was highly successful, many of the papers read being able and valuable contributions to scientific knowledge. The Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, was in constant attendance, and treated the members with great hospitality. The entomologists present were especially charmed to meet and welcome Mr. S. H. Scudder, who was one of the distinguished visitors from the United States.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE NEWS (Boston Mass.), has recently been much improved in form and matter, under the editorship of Dr. James R. Nichols. It is now filled with interesting articles, many of them illustrated, by eminent writers in different departments of science. The last two numbers contain articles by Prof. J. B. Smith, on the "Insect Parasites of Animals."

The first two parts of Mr. P. Wytsman's (79 Rue Neuve, Brussels, Belgium) reproduction of HUBNER'S EXOTIC BUTTERFLIES have been received. Each consists of ten coloured plates, without letterpress. They are very nicely executed on hand-made paper, and are evidently faithful copies both in drawing and colouring of the originals. The work will be completed in sixty parts, and will contain about 600 plates; the synonymy, nomenclature, etc., will be revised and brought down to date by Mr. W. F. Kirby, of the British Museum.