

be all of equal value, and there are sections again sub-divided into sections. This system is not new, and I believe it to be very useful, allowing us to recognize the natural sub-divisions of genera, without being obliged to make genera of them. I have already adopted these section-names in a list of North American land-shells now ready for printing, and have thereby been able to reduce the number of so-called sub-genera without refusing to notice the natural groups they represent. I derived my section-names when convenient from a prominent species of the group, or in other cases, by adopting a descriptive term, or turning a sub-generic name into a plural section-name.

Before writing this paper, I wrote to Mr. W. H. Edwards, telling him of my idea for getting out of the present difficulty. He comments favourably on the suggestion, and writing of Mr. Scudder's "genera," made by sub-division of *Colias*, etc., he says; "I consider them groups merely, or sub-groups. All *Anthocharis*, I think, should be one [genus], all *Argynnis* one, all *Colias* one. If numbers can't be accepted, I am perfectly willing to try the section-names as you suggest * * *. By-and-by I propose to give a new edition of my catalogue, and then I may adopt the plan throughout. It would save us from fifty genera in *Pamphila* at once." (*in litt.*, May 17, 1890.)

Should Mr. Edwards decide to adopt section-names, we can hardly do better than leave him to decide about the sections and choose appropriate names; but to illustrate the point I will here treat a few "genera" as proposed:—

W. H. EDWARDS.	SCUDDER.	PROPOSED SECTION-NAME.
Papilio, group V.	Jasoniades.	Turni.
Colias, group I.	Zerene.	Cæsoniæ.
Vanessa, pars.	Euvanessa.	Antiopæ.
Pamphila, group II., pars.	Erynnis.	Erynnes.
Thecla, group IV., pars.	Incisalia.	Incisaliæ.
Lycæna, group V.	Rusticus.	Rustici.
Chrysophanus, group III.	Heodes.	Chrysophanuli.

As will be seen, the first three names are taken from prominent species; the second three from the so-called genera, and the last from a character of the group. It may be found advisable, at least as often as possible, to adopt the name from a species; but some specific names, as *poweschick*, *parvise*, etc., would be rather difficult to render plural, not to