

SUCCESSFUL COLLECTING AT ELECTRIC LIGHT.

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I herewith give a full list of the Lepidoptera new to the Society's collection, taken by Mr. J. W. Bice at electric light during the season of 1896.

Mr. Anderson and I picked out from amongst Mr. Bice's captures of about 2,000 mounted specimens of good material what seemed to be new to us; and after comparison with named specimens, or illustrations, having failed to recognize them, they were laid aside for others more competent than we to decide upon them.

I am greatly indebted to Dr. J. B. Smith for the patient endurance, amidst his multitude of professional duties, with which he attended to and promptly returned a number of small lots sent to him by mail—the unreasonable demands of the U. S. customs officer at the boundary line prohibiting their being sent in bulk by express, and thus increasing the labour connected with it. And not only for the names of the specimens, but also for interesting and instructive remarks upon many of the species; Dr. Hulst also assisting me with the Geometers. Most of those new to the collection were in single specimens of their kind, and Mr. Bice has generously donated them to the Society.

The names and their sequence are in accordance with Dr. Smith's list of 1891.

Protoparce carolina, Linn.

Cisthene unifascia, G. & R.

Lithosia bicolor, Grote.

Parorgyia parallela, G. & R.

Oedemasia badia, Pack.

Acronycta dactylina, Grote.

Acronycta impressa, Walk.

Cerma cora, Hub. Upon this species, Dr. Smith remarks: "Distinctly rare."

Semiophora tenebrifera, Walk.

Agrotis catherina, Grote.

Pachnobia salicarum, Walk.

Dicopis muralis, Grote.

Dicopis Thaxterianus, Grote. Dr. Smith says: "Very good indeed, not in my collection."