

Mr. Riley gives an interesting account of the causes which may lead to the migrations of this butterfly in his 3rd Report. He says: "It would be difficult to give any satisfactory reason for this assembling together of such swarms of butterflies. As I have abundantly proved by examination of specimens, the individuals composing the swarms of our Archippus butterfly comprise both sexes; if anything the females prevail. The flights almost always occur in the autumn, when the Milk-weeds (*Asclepias*), upon which the larva of this butterfly feeds, have perished. The instinct to propagate is, therefore, at the time in abeyance. The butterflies, unable to supply themselves with sweets from flowers, are either attracted in quantities to trees that are covered with honey-secreting plants, or bark lice; or else they must migrate southward, where flowers are still blooming. The Archippus butterfly hibernates within hollow trees and other sheltered situations. Southerly timber regions offer most favorable conditions for such hibernation. Under the most favorable conditions a large majority perish. A small portion of the females survive the winter. Such hibernating individuals, upon waking from their winter torpor, make at once for the prairie, where the Milk-weeds most abound. Faded, and often tattered, they may be seen flying swiftly over such prairies.

"I have no doubt but that they travel thus for many hundred miles, keeping principally to the north, and ere they perish, supplying the Milk-weeds here and there with eggs. A fresh brood is produced in less than a month, and these extend still farther north, until we find the species late in the growing season as far up as the Saskatchewan country, where it can scarcely successfully hibernate, and from whence the butterflies instinctively migrate southward. We can thus understand how there are two, three or more broods in southerly regions and only one towards British America.

"The exceptional flights noticed in the spring, and which, so far as recorded, take place quite early and in the same southerly direction, find a similar explanation. They may be looked upon as continuations of the autumn flights. Hibernating in the temperate belt, they are awakened and aroused upon the advent of spring, to find the Milk-weeds not yet started, and they instinctively pass to more southern regions. There is a southward migration late in the growing season in congregated masses, and a northward dispersion early in the season through isolated individuals."

It will thus be seen that Mr. Riley looks upon the migration of *D. archippus* as something analogous to the southern movement of the birds