

You have already heard from our Secretary-Treasurer's Report the satisfactory condition of our finances and other business matters; I need not therefore trespass further upon your patience and attention. Heartily thanking you, gentlemen, for your kindness towards myself and my colleagues during our term of office, and for the honour which you have conferred upon me by calling me to preside over you,

I have the honour to remain, with best wishes for the advancement and prosperity of the Society,

Your humble and obedient servant,

CHARLES J. S. BETHUNE,

*President Entomological Society of Ontario.*

Trinity College School, Port Hope, Sept., 1873.

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## ON THE IDENTITY OF GRAPTA DRYAS WITH COMMA.

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On the 30th of July Mr. T. L. Mead, at Coalburgh, took two females of *Grapta Dryas* and tied them in a muslin bag to a branch of Hop-vine. The result was a large number of eggs, laid on the leaves and in the bag. On the 5th the eggs were all hatched. The larvæ we carried through safely, and on the 21st the first ones began to change to chrysalids. In course of the next three days all were changed, upwards of sixty. Towards maturity some of the larvæ were white, as represented in the plate of *Dryas*, in the "Butterflies of North America." The others were black, like the larvæ represented in plate of *Comma* in the same volume. On the 30th the imagines began to appear, and nearly all are true *Comma*; but six are *Dryas*, two ♂ and four ♀. The relation of the two forms to each other is therefore similar to that of the two forms of *Interrogationis*. The name of the species should be *G. comma*, Harris, and the one form the type figured in my plate as *comma*, should be called *comma var. Harisii*, and the other *comma var. dryas*, the two being equal varieties of one species and not one a variety of the other.