

Always of a religious turn of mind, he delighted in sacred history and Biblical studies ; and a number of words of a sacred and historical character proceeded from his pen. The last of these, published in 1884, was entitled, *The Mysteries of God, a Series of Expositions of Holy Scripture.*

One cannot often point to a life more pleasantly and usefully spent than that of Philip Henry Gosse.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

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#### DANAIS ARCHIPPUS.

*Dear Sir :* I send you my season's observations on the movements of *D. archippus* in this locality. The spring of '88 was an unusually backward one here, cool, dry weather prevailing, which will, of course, affect all the dates more or less. I commenced by watching for the appearance of milk-weed *Asclepias cornutus* in two places where it grows in abundance ; one, a flat to the west of the city, protected on the east and north by a high bank ; the other to the east along the foot of the Niagara escarpment, a very warm spot when the wind is not north-east. On the 4th of June, I could not see a sign of its coming through the ground ; on the 5th, I went to the country, about 26 miles north of this ; they had more rain there, and *A. cornutus* was from three to six inches high ; on the 7th, I saw my first *D. archippus* of the season, but they did not appear in any great numbers whilst I remained. On my return, I visited the west end on the 26th, there were a few flying about the weed, which was then from ten to fourteen inches in height with blossom clusters not yet expanded. I captured three—two males and a female, and saw a larva about one inch long and as thick as a wheat straw. In the same locality, on 3rd of July, I counted seven on the wing at one time, flying vigorously, and took two males, and felt sure from their movements the others were the same. On the 5th went east, milk-weed in full bloom, *archippus* abundant ; captured two males, and suspected all the others to be the same ; could find no larvæ ; took fresh hatched *Milberti* and saw plenty of fresh *Atalanta*. Went west on the 7th, not many on the wing, and could find very few larvæ. Was at Guelph for ten days on the 16th, and visited the Agricultural College. Prof. Panton showed me chrysalids reared in confinement.