

on the flowers of the choke cherry. Type in the collection of the Boston Society of Natural History.

Brachyopa flavescens Shannon.

B. flavescens Shannon, Insector Inscitiae Menstruus, Vol. III, p. 144, 1915.

This species is closely related to *B. media* from which it can be separated only by its somewhat smaller size and lighter coloured thorax. In some specimens the anterior portion of the thorax is dark brown, strongly suggesting that it may prove to be only a variety of *B. media*.

Specimens agreeing with those from the type locality, Dead Run, Va., have been collected on the summit of Mt. Greylock, Mass., June 15, 1906, Bretton Woods, N.H., June 26, 1913, and near the Glen House, base of Mt. Washington, N.H., June 14, 1916.

Brachyopa media Williston.

This widely distributed species varies considerably both in size and colour. In some specimens the legs are quite dark and the abdomen has a distinct median line. It has been collected at Bretton Woods, N.H., June 24; Glen House, N.H., June 14 and June 15, Jaffrey, N.H., June 21, 1917, and Sherborn, Mass.

BOOK NOTICES.

GUIDE TO THE INSECTS OF CONNECTICUT, PART III. The Hymenoptera or Wasp-like Insects of Connecticut. Bulletin No. 22, Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey. By Henry Lorenz Viereck, with the collaboration of A. D. MacGillivray, C. T. Brues, W. M. Wheeler and S. A. Rohwer. 824 pp., 10 plates. Hartford, 1916. \$1.50.

This is the first attempt to present a complete systematic treatise of the Hymenoptera of any state of the Union and the State Entomologist, Dr. Britton, under whose direction the work was undertaken, as well as the various authors, deserve the thanks of the entomological public throughout North America for the admirable manner in which their work has been accomplished.

In the Introduction, by Mr. Viereck, the general characters of the order Hymenoptera are set forth and the economic significance of the various groups is discussed. The various superfamilies