

CORRESPONDENCE.

CALLIMORPHA.

Ed. Can. Ent.—*Dear Sir*: In reference to my former note on *Callimorpha*, I would state that in my "Check List" the white forms were referred to *Lecontei* as varieties. I was totally unacquainted with what may be a more Northern form, viz., *confusa* Lyman. Mr. Lyman's excellent plate and paper must be commended, but I must *insist* that neither Mr. Lyman (nor Mr. Smith for that matter) have done more than separate the forms in the perfect state; and in this Mr. Lyman seems to have shown great tact and is the more correct, having made no fresh synonyms. The yellow species commence the series in my Check List, in which *vestalis* and *fulvicosta* are distinguished as different forms or varieties, and I have only to add to my former communication respecting the interchange of yellow and white in this Subfamily, that it notoriously occurs in the sexes of *Leucartia acraea*. The American species of *Callimorpha* are probably not long separated from an original type—they form to-day a pro-genus, like *Datana*. In such cases where the naturalist attempts to still further separate the species or races as Mr. Smith has done, the work of all previous describers should be studied and certainty attained as to what forms have been already named and what remain without a designation. In all this work there is nothing really original. When some one *breeds* all these forms, as Mr. Edwards does the doubtful Butterflies, there will be a real scientific addition to our present imperfect knowledge.

A. R. GROTE.

Dear Sir: Dr. Harris, in his well known work on Injurious Insects, states that the caterpillars of the Callimorphas conceal themselves in the day time under leaves and stones. According to my experience, the larvæ of *Lecontei* and *confusa* may be found on the food plants at all hours of the day. About ten or twelve years ago, *Lecontei* was rather abundant on certain parts of Montreal Mountain, and I observed quite a number of the larvæ, from some of which I reared the moths. I unfortunately neglected to take a description of the larva, nor did I ascertain what the food plant was. When the Mountain was opened as a public park, a carriage drive was cut right through the *Lecontei* ground, and since that time it has become very scarce, and I have so far failed to re-discover the