

NOTES.

We have much pleasure in recording that on the 20th of April last the Degree of "Doctor Philosophiæ Materialis" was conferred (*honoris causa*) upon Baron Charles Robert Osten Sacken, by the University of Heidelberg. This recognition of an Entomologist who has done such eminent service in North America will, we are sure, be very gratifying to our readers.

Mr. C. H. Tyler Townsend, of the Agricultural College, Las Cruces, New Mexico, has gone on a field trip by wagon to the Grand Canon of the Colorado, in Arizona, and expects to be away till the middle of August.

The Royal Society of Canada held its Annual Meeting in Ottawa on the 31st of May and two following days. The sessions were well attended, and many papers of much value and interest were read. A committee was appointed to investigate the condition and prospects of the marine fisheries of the Dominion. The Rev. Dr. Bethune, President of the Entomological Society of Ontario, was elected a Fellow.

BOOK NOTICE.

THE BRITISH NOCTUÆ AND THEIR VARIETIES, by G. W. Tutt, F. E. S.: Vol. II., London, Swan, Sonnenschein & Co.: 1892.

The second volume of Mr. Tutt's work is equally carefully compiled with the first, already noticed in these pages. It deals with Guenée's "family" *Noctuida*, a group in which the varieties of the species are numerous—not always easy to seize or characterize. By relying apparently on the incorrect statements of Butler, Mr. Tutt refers our North American *Agr. turris* and *texana* as varieties of *Agrotis saucia*. The first, as shown by Smith, is probably the *Agr. ochrogaster* of Guenée, whose description was unidentified by me; the second is undoubtedly a distinct species, differing structurally somewhat also, from *saucia*. This volume of Mr. Tutt's is a most useful compilation, showing great industry and the marks of a careful research into the literature of the subject. I can heartily commend it to the attention of specialists.

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