

## MEIGEN'S FIRST PAPER ON DIPTERA.

Since the publication of my article in the October number, page 370-373, I have received Vol. III of Kertész's *Catalogus Dipteriorum*, and I notice that he accepts all of the 1800 names that come within the limits of this volume, five in number. I also have received the September number of the *Wiener Entomologische Zeitung*, in which Dr. Bezzi reviews Kertész's third volume. He makes the remarkable admission that the rules of the International Zoological Congress perhaps do not justify the use of the 1800 names, but at the same time praises Kertész for adopting them. As the admission is fatal to the case built up by Hendel and Bezzi (with the present co-operation of Kertész), I deem it advisable to quote his exact language (*Wien. Ent. Zeit.*, XXVII, 252):

"In diesem Bande hat sich der Herr Verfasser streng an das Prioritätsgesetz gehalten; wir finden fünf Neigensche Gattungen von 1800 wieder in Gebrauch gestellt, und zwar *Potamida* für *Ephippium*, *Hermione* für *Oxycera*, *Eulalia* für *Odontomyia*, *Erinna* für *Xylophagus* und *Chrysozona* für *Haematopota*. Aus demselben Grunde sind auch *Solva*, Walker, für *Subula* (*Xylomyia*, Rond.), *Pantophthalmus*, Thunb., für *Acanthomera* und *Rhagio* für *Leptis* gebraucht. . . . .

"Ganz besonders hervorzuheben ist die richtige Nomenklatur, welche, wenn auch nicht immer den neuen internationalen Regeln entsprechend, jedenfalls mit den klassischen Grundsätzen der Wissenschaft übereinstimmend ist."

As I showed last month, it was Dr. Bezzi and Mr. Hendel together who worked up the 1800 paper of Meigen; we now have the feeble suggestion of one of them that their proposed names, "even if not entirely in agreement with the new International rules, are, at any rate, in harmony with the classic principles of science."

I surely need not pursue the subject further.

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## A CORRECTION.

On page 349 of this volume, the expanse of wings of *Argyroploce abietana*, n. s., should have been given, 11-13 mm. and not 21-23 mm.

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