

the Chicago Academy Transactions, in which the description appeared, was destroyed in the Great Fire, and that Dr. Packard in consequence regarded his paper as unpublished. The species *Leucophæa Neumoegeni*, Hy. Ed., belongs to my genus *Argyrauges*, Can. Ent., XIV., 215, and is in my opinion sufficiently structurally distinct from *Hemileuca Maia* and allies, a genus in which the common pattern and antennal colour and structure show that the forms have become but recently separated and hardened into species, as seems to be the case with *Datana*, and, perhaps, *Clisiocampa* and *Platysamia*. A. R. GROTE.

*Dear Sir :* I wish on behalf of the Entomological Society of Ontario, to make public acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered to it, and the lasting benefit conferred on the Canadian members of it especially, by Professor C. H. Fernald, who has reviewed the Society's entire collection of Pyralidæ and Crambidæ, at a great expenditure of labour and valuable time to himself, and with no hope of reward, except the consciousness of having performed an enduring work for the advancement of our science. I forwarded to the Professor, at his own suggestion, the Society's drawers containing these insects, and a box of duplicates, that he might see just how they stood in regard to nomenclature. In due time they were returned, preceded by a communication indicating that they had received the closest scrutiny, pointing out errors, and conveying information which enabled me to bring the collection into harmony with his recent revision of these families, as published in Prof. J. B. Smith's "List of Lepidoptera of Boreal America." The most important of the errors corrected, which may have spread from this to other collections, are two : What was under the name *Crambus præfextellus*, Zink., proved to be *C. Leachellus*, Zink., and what was under the name of *C. scricinellus*, Zell., he pronounced to be but rubbed specimens of *C. albcellus*, Clem.

The Professor kindly sent to me an example of *C. innotatellus*, Walk., of which *scricinellus* is a synonym, that I might see what it was like ; it was a species that I had not seen before, and may not properly belong as yet to our list, and the same is possibly true of *præfextellus*.

We have now a collection in these families which may be pronounced a correct standard for comparison and identification as far as it goes, and the guarantee for its reliability is the work done upon it by Professor Fernald. All our members are cordially invited to make use of it.

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