

DEAR SIR,—

A few days ago I went to a swamp where *Phæton* feeds in early spring, and discovered several of the webs of that species spun over the stems of *Chelone glabra* and whatever other plants were contiguous. Within the webs were larvae about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long, and as during the last few days, since I have had a number of them in the house, there is no appearance of feeding by the larvae, I presume they are quiet for the season and till next March. Seeing a good many *Phyciodes marcia* flying in the swamp, it occurred to me to try a female with a stem of *Chelone glabra*, and I did so with satisfactory results, as three days after I enclosed her in a bag, she laid about 75 eggs on the under side of one of the leaves. I hope I have at last found the food plant of this species, after having tried a score of plants to no purpose.

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EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

PALÆONTOLOGY OF ONTARIO.—We are much pleased to observe that the Legislature of this Province is extending its liberality in the cause of Science to other departments, besides those somewhat utilitarian branches of Entomology and Horticulture, as is eminently manifest from the excellent Report before us on the Palæontology of Ontario. It has been prepared by Prof. H. Alleyne Nicholson, of the University of Toronto, and contains descriptions and figures of the organic remains of the Devonian Formation of Western Canada. No less than one hundred and sixty species of fossils are described, and illustrated by means of nearly sixty wood-cuts in the text, and eight splendid lithographic plates. It is noteworthy, also, that all the figures are original, except two of the wood cuts. We trust that the Legislature will long continue its assistance to this excellent work, and that Prof. Nicholson may be enabled to carry out a complete investigation of the Palæontology of all the fossiliferous geological formations in this country.

AMONG the "old country" publications that we have lately received, we may mention the 15th number of the *Scottish Naturalist* (Dr. F. B. White, Perth.) We gather from its pages that a goodly number of Field Clubs are being organized in Scotland, and that much satisfactory work