

It should be added that the males approach each other more closely than the females.

*Alcestis* is quite abundant on the prairie west and north of this city in July and August ; it seems to be quite local, as examples taken a few miles north in a timbered region are almost uniformly *aphrodite*. I have been greatly surprised at the readiness with which a strong *aphrodite* upon the prairie can be distinguished while on the wing from the surrounding *alcestis*, owing mainly to a slight difference in its manner of flight, which resembles that of *cybele*.

The difference of time of the appearance of the sexes in *alcestis* appears rather to exceed that in other species, the order of capture of the first examples of the larger *Argynnidæ* being as follows : *Alcestis* ♂, *idalia* ♂, *aphrodite* ♂, *aphrodite* ♀, *cybele* ♂, *cybele* ♀, *alcestis* ♀, *idalia* ♀.

The habitat of *alcestis* extends farther west and not so far south as that of *aphrodite*. Since the publication of Mr. Edwards' Catalogue I have received good examples from Michigan, and am informed that it has been taken in New York.

In faded examples of *alcestis* (Sept.) a faint shade is observable in certain lights between the outer rows of silver spots on secondaries, but broad and regular like the band of *cybele*, and not in the least resembling that of *aphrodite*.

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#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

The Annual Meeting of the above Branch was held on the evening of Jan'y 15th, 1878, at the residence of Mr. Chas. Chapman, when after the routine business had been transacted, the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the current year :—

President, J. M. Denton ; Vice-President, A. Puddicombe ; Sec'y-Treasurer, J. H. Bowman ; Curator, Chas. Chapman ; Council—H. Bock, W. Saunders, J. Williams ; Auditors—H. Bock, W. Saunders.

A pleasant hour was then spent in discussions on insects and their habits, after which the members adjourned.