

Lepidopterists looking over this latest list and then glancing backward at its excellent predecessor, Dr. J. B. Smith's List of 1903, may well be satisfied with the progress made.

In the matter of species, over 8,500 are now included against about 6,800 in Smith's List, an increase of 1,700 species or 25%, which in itself indicates much activity. But more important still has been the work of specialists in working out revisions of the various groups from a world-wide standpoint, which, while necessitating many changes, is bound to result in a more stable classification. Among the works referred to are those of Rothschild & Jordan on the Sphingidae; Sir Geo. Hampson on the Arctiidae and Noctuidae; and of Mr. L. B. Prout on the Geometridae, in addition to the revisions in the partially completed "Genera Insectorum" and "Macro-Lepidoptera of the World."

Embodied in the new list are not only the conclusions of these eminent authorities, but also the results of several years' study of the Barnes' collection and existing types in other North American collections, and finally changes had to be made to accord with the rules of nomenclature adopted by the International Congress.

The changes in many instances have been very drastic, but with the excellent index, which occupies almost as many pages as the list proper, little trouble will be experienced in finding the species looked for. As a compensation for having to forget a lot of names and learn new ones, it will give the older collectors a feeling of pleasure to find the "swallow-tails" are all Papilio again, the "whites" are Pieris, instead of Pontia, and our friend the milk-weed butterfly is archippus again and its genus is Danaus, which sounds familiar even if the spelling be not.

The check-list is valuable to everyone interested in North American Lepidoptera, and the few lines headed "Exchange" on the fly-leaf at the back convey the good news that the same authors purpose publishing a full catalogue of North American Lepidoptera. It is hoped that the request for information will meet with a general and cheerful response.

The price of the Check-List is \$2.00, and copies are obtainable from Dr. Wm. Barnes, Decatur, Ill.

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