

THE OCCURRENCE OF *ACHLARUS LYCIDAS* AND *LAERTIAS PHILENOR* NEAR BOSTON, MASS.

During the three years prior to 1904, I collected very frequently in the Middlesex Fells Reservation, which includes parts of Malden, Melrose, Medford, and Stoneham. I found *A. lycidas* quite common, and in company with *Epargyreus tityrus*, on red clover blossoms at the south side of the Fells Reservoir and along the driveways near it. The single remaining specimen of my captures from this locality is dated June 17, 1902. I do not remember taking it in any other locality, but Mr. J. H. Rogers, Jr., stated at a recent meeting of the Cambridge Entomological Club in Boston, that it was quite common in Medford. Mr. H. H. Newcomb, President of the Club, said that the occurrence of this species in this locality had long been known to Boston entomologists.

While I have probably seen *Laertias philenor* flying, I have never yet taken it in Massachusetts. Mr. W. L. W. Field, in a short article on Varying Abundance of Certain Butterflies, published in *Psyche*, Vol. XII, p. 76, remarks: "*Laertias philenor* appears occasionally in great numbers in the neighbourhood of Boston, but after a season of plentifulness it vanishes." C. A. FROST, South Framingham, Mass.

Mr. Harris's query as to *Papilio (Laertias) philenor* and *A. lycidas*, on page 68 of the February issue of the *ENTOMOLOGIST*, is just noticed. There is nothing unusual in either of these at Melrose, Mass. *Philenor* has been taken by me at Bar Harbor, Maine; it has been very common for years in the swamps near Greenwich, Conn., and I have twice seen it in the Berkshires. It naturally follows several introduced plants.

While writing, I wish to add Winnetka, Illinois, just north of Chicago, as an unreported locality for *Terias delia* and *Pamphila Aaroni*.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH—ENT. SOC. ONTARIO.

The sixth annual meeting was held in Vancouver on the 25th of January. The election of officers resulted as follows: *President*, Rev. G. W. Taylor; *Vice-President*, Mr. A. S. Bush; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Mr. R. V. Harvey.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the work of the past year, and pointed out the value of the "Bulletin" as a permanent record of that work. He referred to the difficulty encountered by members in having their Hymenoptera and Coleoptera determined, and suggested that an effort should be made this season to obtain a more complete knowledge of local Coleoptera. He also asked for more hearty co-operation in keeping up the Bulletin.

A discussion on labels followed, and it was recommended that green paper be used for all Vancouver Island labels, and rose-colour for Vancouver city and neighbourhood. Mr. Bryant described his collecting experiences on the Stikine and Taku rivers. A spring meeting will be held at Duncan's about April 10th.

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