

the types of genera: (a) Species which were not included under the generic name at the time of its original publication." These names, therefore, have no types.

I should not deem the occasion to justify so lengthily a discussion on my part, but for the fact that Dr. Bezzi writes me that he is engaged on a research into the names proposed in Diptera prior to 1800, and that he has already found data sufficient to require the change of the great majority of names of the older genera now in use in the Diptera. A number of his conclusions have already been published. We seem to be entering upon a period of nomenclatural unrest, which may leave us as badly off in Diptera as we now are in Lepidoptera or Hemiptera, to say nothing of Orthoptera and a few others.

"Let justice be done, though the earth perish," says Mr. Hendel. But justice means nothing, except with reference to some person or thing. Justice to whom, or to what? Is it justice to Meigen to insist on the use of names that he himself discarded for better ones? Or is it justice to dipterology to overturn nomenclature to no purpose? The case before us is not Meigen versus some other ancient worthy, but Meigen versus Meigen. Justice to him has already been done, and it would be flagrant injustice to reopen the case.

#### PLATYSAMIA COLUMBIA NOKOMIS.

The handsome moth which occurs throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces, and which has always been named in collections, *Samia columbia*, Smith, has such a different appearance from the Ontario form which seems to be the type, that I am of the opinion the name given by Dr. W. Brodie some years ago ought to be recognized. Dr. Henry Skinner has also examined this insect critically during the past summer, and agrees with me that Dr. Brodie's description which appeared in the *Biological Review of Ontario* for October, 1894, pp. 103-107, should be republished. This publication is not now available, and with Dr. Brodie's consent I send herewith an extract from his article on *Platysamia columbia nokomis*.—JAMES FLETCHER, Ottawa.

#### "PLATYSAMIA COLUMBIA NOKOMIS.

"BY WM. BRODIE.

"In the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, Vol. X, March, 1878, there is a very good coloured lithograph of the larva of *P. columbia*, by the late G. J. Bowles, and a short paper by the late F. B. Caulfield, giving a description of the larvæ. There is also on page 43 an article by C. H. Fernald,