

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF ST. LOUIS.

At the meeting of the Academy of Science of St. Louis, on the evening of January 6, 1902, Mrs. Wm. Bouton, on behalf of herself and a considerable number of other persons, presented to the Academy a collection of 633 butterflies mounted on Denton tablets, on condition that the collection should be made accessible to the public.—WILLIAM TRELEASE, Recording Secretary.

A CORRECTION.

Before venturing to send my Synonymic Notes for publication, I made a careful search of the entomological literature accessible to me, but a few days after I had returned the corrected proof, I found in a work which I had just added to my library the name *Euchotes*, Lec., cited as a synonym of *Eunysobia*, Casey.

I immediately telegraphed to the editor to suppress the name *Epeuchotes* which I had proposed, and that I would pay the expense of resetting and reprinting the pages involved. I was too late, unfortunately, as the number was complete and ready for mailing, and as its issue had already been retarded by other causes, the editor did not deem it expedient to further delay it.

Since the appearance of my notes I have been favoured with a letter from Mr. Samuel Henshaw, informing me that the name *Euchotias* proposed by me is unnecessary, and that Harris's name, *Euchotes*, is tenable on account of Dejean's *Euchotes* being a "nomen nudum," a mere list name, and that the date of Dejean's work was 1833, not 1834.

Dejean's work was not accessible to me, but I thought I was safe in depending upon Dr. Scudder's "Nomenclator Zoologicus," in which the first use of the term is credited to Dejean in 1834, and I supposed that the first use of a term given would be valid. I am by no means sure that the invalidity of mere catalogue names has always and universally been recognized, though I quite agree that they should not be accepted. I may say that the entomological editors of the Century Dictionary followed Dr. Scudder's work in regard to this name.

It is with the keenest regret that I find myself in what Dr. Skinner has delicately referred to as the "synonymic consommé."

Montreal, 23rd Jan., 1902.

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