

DEAR SIR,—

In recording an article of mine on Jacob Hübner and his works, published in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, the Editor of the Bibliographical Record of *Psyche* criticizes the paper very briefly by saying that my article proposed to "settle" the matter, but that I did not meet the principal points of my opponents. My paper did not aim to settle the position of Jacob Hübner in entomological literature at all. That must be left to time. What I tried to "settle," and hope I succeeded in doing, was that Dr. Hagen and Mr. W. H. Edwards, in the last named author's criticisms, had given the date of Ochsenheimer's volume incorrectly, had misrepresented Ochsenheimer by introducing a full stop in the middle of one of his sentences, and in appealing to Ochsenheimer as a rejection of the Tentamen failed to improve their position, for Ochsenheimer adopted genera from the Tentamen, such as *Agrotis*, etc. I think it quite clear that, whatever be the ultimate fate of Hübner's works, it will never do to read him out of entomological literature on account of his alleged ill success with the men of his time, or in such a manner as Mr. Edwards has attempted, or by such erroneous statements. For one I should be glad of a settlement in the matter, but it can never be arrived at in the manner in which it has been attempted by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Strecker. I have fully replied, I think, to their attack in my article aforesaid and in the preface to my Check List of N. Am. Noctuidæ.

But, in any case, I write now to object to the interjectional criticisms in the Bibliographical Record of *Psyche*, rather than to re-open the matter of Hübner's Tentamen and Verzeichniss. It seems to me that such criticisms are entirely out of place in a Bibliographical Record, and their continuance will seriously impair its value and usefulness. One does not look for criticisms in such a place, and, finding them, their impartiality becomes at once suspected. In the present case the criticism is essentially hasty and bad, but, if my friendly advice to avoid such matters in future be taken, I think it will not prove entirely unfortunate for the publishers of *Psyche*.

Respectfully,

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DEAR SIR,—

As I did not have the opportunity to correct the proofs of last half of my paper in March No., will you allow me to call attention here to some