

this classification. WARREN makes admirable synthesis of the male anatomical variation, which is made more certain when it is perceived that the female characters almost invariably support his references.

There will continue to be criticism of his categorical usages, as is quite proper so long as substance is not injured through solicitude for the shadows. "Genera" are but feeble things, rooted in stony ground of tradition and opinion where no amount of harrowing can grow final definitions. The real advances in systematic knowledge come when the interrelationships among species are made known, and here WARREN cites many facts of undoubted truth, of so high a fascination that if there has been any defiance of traditional systematics we can only hope for more of the same.

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The previous five instalments of this excellent work — a valuable contribution to lepidopterology and addition to one's library — were reviewed in the *Lepid. News* (vol. 6: pp. 79-80, 1952; vol. 7: p. 26, 1953; vol. 8: pp. 170-171, 1954, respectively).

The sixth instalment of vol. 2 concludes the Lycænidae completing *Lycæides* and continuing with the following genera: *Plebejus*, *Aricia*, *Eumedonia*, *Agriades*, *Albulina*, *Cyaniris*, *Vacciniina*, *Polyommatus*, *Lysandra*, *Agrodiætus* and *Meleageria*. Then is taken up the Hesperioidea, among which are *Erynnis*, *Carcharodus*, *Reverdinus*, *Lavathesia*, *Pyrgus*, *Spialia*, *Heteropterus*, *Carterocephalus*, *Adopæa*, *Thymelicus*, *Ochlodes* and *Hesperia*. In this instalment there are also the title page, preface, table of contents and an index of the generic and specific names used in the butterfly parts. The plates, realistically illustrated in color, conclude the Nymphalidae, and embrace the Libytheidae, Riodinidae, Lycænidae and Hesperioidea.

This completes the butterfly numbers of *Die Schmetterlinge Mitteleuropas*, which is a "must" for those interested in the Palearctic butterflies of Central Europe.

To sum up, volume 1, "Biology of butterflies," consists of xii + 202 pages and 147 illustrations, which may be purchased for DM. 23 linen bound, and volume 2, "Butterflies," consists of viii + 126 pages, 41 text illustrations, 28 plates of 780 colored figures and 29 pages of explanation thereto, which latter volume costs DM. 53 linen bound.

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