

FRANK MORTON JONES COLLECTION  
PRESENTED TO YALE UNIVERSITY

It is a great pleasure to announce the generous gift by Dr. FRANK MORTON JONES of the major portion of his Lepidoptera collection to Yale University. The cabinets were transferred from Dr. JONES's home in Wilmington, Delaware, to the Peabody Museum of Natural History during the fall of 1953. They contain approximately 2700 Rhopalocera and 6500 Heterocera, the latter including over 800 determined "micros" representing a substantial part of the northeastern species, which Dr. JONES had prepared expressly to help to overcome the lack of a reference collection of "micros" at Yale. The JONES collection is of a modest size; however, there are many specimens in it of special value for the kind of studies the Yale group is pursuing. *Limenitis* is represented by a remarkable series. The *Erynnis* set is large and includes reared specimens. There are *Mitoura besseli* from North Carolina and a number of *Eumæus atala* from Florida. There are specimens from some of Dr. JONES's famous experiments to test edibility of various Lepidoptera. No primary types are represented, but there are several cotypes of *Callosamia carolina* Jones and some Hesperiidæ paratypes. Geographically, the specimens were collected largely in New England, North Carolina, Florida, California, and of course the Wilmington area.

Dr. JONES included in his gift to Yale his entire collection of insects reared from insectivorous plants (notably from *Sarracenia* spp. and *Darlingtonia*). Among the insects are large and beautifully prepared series of *Exyra* spp. and *Papaipema appasionata*, and with these are many vials of larvæ and pupæ preserved in alcohol. Dr. JONES is the foremost authority on biology of Pitcher-plant insects as well as the taxonomy of the North American Psychidæ.

It is Dr. JONES's intention that his unique collection and library on Psychidæ shall join the BARNES material at the U.S. National Museum, along with certain Hesperiidæ and most of the Microlepidoptera taken in his faunal study of Marthas Vineyard Island (Massachusetts).

A further generous gift from Dr. JONES to the Peabody Museum at Yale is a large share of his entomological library. It contains complete sets of several American entomological periodicals and hundreds of important books and monographic publications. These are forming the nucleus of the working reference library to be shelved permanently with the insect collections and to be known from this time as "The Jones Entomological Library". Most of this, of course, was represented in the large entomological holdings in the central Sterling Library of Yale University.

The JONES Lepidoptera will be integrated gradually into the Museum's collection, with the lone exception of the material from insectivorous plants. All of the latter will be held as a segregated collection, which we expect to enlarge from time to time.

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