

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Most of the papers and abstracts in this issue of the NATURALIST were read at the November meeting of the Ohio State Academy of Science. Others will appear in later numbers of the NATURALIST.

ERRATA.—In Prof. Griggs' "Notes on Interesting Ohio Willows" (Ohio Nat., 4:11) the following corrections should be made: p. 13, 37th line, for *distinct* read *distant*; p. 14, 13th line, for *nominal* read *normal*; p. 15, 36th line, for *hairy-like* read *hairy, like*.

During the past year the dandelion (*Taraxacum taraxacum* and *T. erythrospermum*) has been in bloom in the open every month from January to December. Other plants which are in bloom during the greater part of the year, at Columbus, are *Alsine media*, *Lepidium virginicum*, and *Lamium amplexicaule*.

Recently Mr. A. A. Eaton has written an interesting account of *Equisetum laevigatum* A. Br. (Fern Bull 11:40). His observations agree with my own as I know this species in the west. The manuals, even the latest, say that the stems of this species are perennial, evergreen, the cones tipped with a rigid point. The aerial stems are annual and the cones do not have a point. Formerly in Kansas the plants growing on the prairie were burned off annually and the new aerial stems usually had the cones mature by the first of June. Either the description in our manuals of Braun's *E. laevigatum* is wrong or else we have to deal with a composite species as Eaton suggests.

Since all three forms of the prickly lettuce occur in Ohio, *Lactuca saligna* L. should be added to Miss Burr's Compass Plants of Ohio, Ohio Nat. 3: 333.

J. H. S.

THE MOTH BOOK.—We have been interested in turning through the pages of this work, and delighted in using the plates for the determination of specimens. The author, Dr. W. J. Holland, and the publishers, Doubleday, Page & Co., deserve especial credit for producing so important a volume. As *The Butterfly Book* has stimulated the study of butterflies, so will *The Moth Book* stimulate the study of moths. The tricolor process of photography by which the plates are produced is very satisfactory for the particular group treated, the careful selection of specimens and their preparation is commendable, and the chapters on Life-history and Anatomy, and on Capture, Preparation and Preservation of Specimens are full enough for general usage. We predict that the book will be welcomed by high-school pupils, by teachers, by amateurs and by specialists.—J. S. H.

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