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#### The Bionomics of Entomophagous Insects

Prof. W. V. Balduf of the University of Illinois has recently published a second volume on the bionomics of entomophagous insects. Part II covers in considerable detail the widely scattered information on the bionomics of entomophagous species of Lepidoptera, Trichoptera, Mecoptera and Neuroptera. One only needs to read the first three chapters (over 100 pages) devoted to predacious Lepidoptera to appreciate the amount of reading and compilation work the author must have done to assemble such interesting and valuable information. An examination of the excellent bibliographies shows that the subject matter was found in numerous and obscure publications in several languages.

A compilation of this type is of outstanding value to anyone interested in biological control or the biology of predacious insects. As valuable as this book will prove to be, most entomologists will look upon it as a library reference book. It is unfortunate that unique books of this character are not purchased more extensively by persons interested in the biology of insects. The reviewer knows from experience that the production of special books, where the edition does not exceed five hundred copies, usually results in a financial loss to the author.

This book consists of 384 8½ x 11 inch lithoprinted pages, equal to 600 pages of an ordinary size book. It contains 228 excellent figures, 21 tables of information and a complete index. The reviewer hopes that a sufficient number of copies will be sold so that the author will not suffer a financial loss. He would like to see the author prepare in the future one or more volumes dealing with entomophagous Diptera and Hemiptera.—*A. Peterson.*

**The Bionomics of Entomophagous Insects, Part II**, by W. V. Balduf, 384 8½ x 11 inch lithoprinted pages, 228 figures. St. Louis, John S. Swift and Co. 1939. \$7.50.

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#### Histology

In this recently revised pocket-sized volume the elementary facts and principles of the whole field of micro-anatomy including the nervous system are presented with little explanatory and illustrative material, and with little reference to histophysiology. Actually, the work is an epitome of histo-anatomy. The student preparing for an examination should find it useful for rapidly reviewing the subject matter of a course in micro-anatomy.—**R. A. Knouff.**

**Aids to Histology (4th ed.)**, by Alfred Goodall. Baltimore, William Wood and Co. 1938. \$1.25.