

Dr. E. J. Lund (Johns Hopkins University Circular, 1911, NS, No. 2, pp. 10-14), has observed that of the Lampyrids of Jamaica, only *Photinus pallens* Browne showed any decided positive reaction to light stimuli, and in this case the reaction was very slight, whereas the Elaterid fire-fly of the same island, *Pyrophorus plagiophthalmus* Germar, was strongly attracted to light.

In the writer's experience, a single specimen of the male of *Lecontea lucifera* has been observed to exhibit attraction toward light, but the species of *Photinus* seem, for the most part, to be quite devoid of this property. Both the males and females of *Photuris pennsylvanica* have, however, been known to come to light, and several instances of this have come under the writer's observation.

Since the foregoing paper was written, Mr. Frederick Knab, of the U. S. National Museum, has called the writer's attention to a brief note by Osten-Sacken (Die Amerikanischen Leuchtkäfer, Stett. Entomol. Zeitg., 1861, Vol. 22, pp. 54-55), in which are recorded observations upon *Photinus pyralis*, made here in Washington, and which are practically identical with those given herein for the normal conduct of this insect. Hence the writer's observations on *pyralis* can be considered only as confirmation of the earlier observations of Osten-Sacken; in view of the fact, however, that Osten-Sacken's paper appears to be very little known, and has been overlooked by the majority of those who have contributed to this subject, it seems justifiable to leave the paper in its present form, making this acknowledgment of the previous work.

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SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY.

The Second International Congress of Entomology will be held at Oxford, England, from August 12th to 17th, 1912. Further particulars will be announced shortly.

The Executive Committee proposes to find for members of the Congress lodgings in the town, or rooms in one or more of the colleges at a moderate charge; rooms in the college will be available only for men.

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The proceedings of the First Congress are in the press, and will be published shortly.

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