

larva of *A. vialis* (W. H. Edwards) found in the same area. Beside half-tone figures of the full-fed larvae are line drawings of the head structure.

LXXV May 1967: 43-44 gives an account of an interesting feeding habit of the larva of the pine-feeding Noctuid *Panthea furcilla* (Packard). Having regard to the necessity for the larva to be able to devour the long needles of the white pine from extremity to base it sits on the twig and with prolegs and first pair of claspers, it pulls the needle down until the point is brought to the jaws, when feeding takes place from point to base. The process is illustrated by an excellent line drawing. LXXV June 1967: 62-67 deals with larval dimorphism and other characters of the Notodontid moth *Heterocampa pulverea* (Grote and Robinson), the larva having both a green and a brown form. The author tabulates the sexes raised from the green and from the brown larvae. LXXV October 1967: 154-158 describes two new species of Crambid moths, *Crambus bigelovi* from Wyoming and *C. harrisi* from the Guadalupe Mountains of New Mexico. Male and female genitalia are illustrated. LXXVI March 1968 covers the North American *Microcrambus* moths. These include eight species so far, three of which, *M. cope-landi*, *M. kimbali* and *M. matheri* are described as new from California, Florida and North Carolina respectively. Male genitalia of all eight species are shown and these are keyed both by genitalia and by colour and pattern. LXXVI March 1968: 58-59 is entitled "Melanism in Connecticut *Charada deridens* (Guenne) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)", in which the author has second thoughts about his conclusions in a paper in the same journal (LXXII: 142-144) published in 1964, and now considers many specimens described as normal, to have been melanistic. Results are tabulated.—S.N.A.J.

## Obituary

W. Parkinson Curtis died on June 26, 1968, in his 90th year. Born in Poole, he was a lawyer by profession, and practised in Bournemouth. He seldom attended the meetings of Societies, or took part in their activities. The reasons for this being that he was extremely deaf from an early age, and in later years, he was much crippled by arthritis. In his youth he came into contact with a number of Dorset naturalists, the most prominent being the Rev. O. Pickard Cambridge and E. A. Bankes. He joined the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society in 1897 and was a Vice President at the time of his death. He was a Founder Member of the Bournemouth Natural Science Society, which was formed in 1903. In 1908 he was elected a member of the Royal Entomological Society of London. In 1932 he joined the Entomological Society of the South of England, which later was to become the Society for British Entomology. Mainly interested in the Lepidoptera, he had at one time a very extensive collection, and a fine library. For very many years he had been working on a List of the Lepidoptera of Dorset. This was in fact, a very comprehensive study of the species found in the County, and included the lists made by J. C. Dale, C. W. Dale and E. R. Bankes, dating from 1816. An accomplished artist, he was also interested in ornithology, photography and horticulture. Thus closed a full and active life.—S. C. S. BROWN.