

7th, *Limnophilus xanthodes* in a juniper-bush on the top of the downs at Wendover; September, *Limnophilus affinis*, *L. marmoratus* and *L. lunatus*, near Lewes, Sussex. EPHEMEROPTERA.—May 14th, *Ephemera danica*, *Clocon dipterum*, *Centrophilium luteolum* and *Leptophlebia helvipes* at Staplefield, Sussex; May 21st, *Siphurur armatus*, nymphs at Stanmore Common from which imagines emerged next day and days following (also *Leptophlebia helvipes*); May 22nd, *Ephemera vulgata*, *E. danica* and *Habrophlebia fusca* from canal at Uxbridge.—W. J. LUCAS; Kingston-on-Thames.

CRICKETS AND REFUSE DUMPS.—During the present year two cases have been recorded of *Gryllus domesticus* occurring in the open in association with refuse dumps ('Entom.,' liv, p. 127; 'Ent. Mo. Mag.,' lvii, p. 185). These dumps were in the neighbourhood of Hatfield and Huddersfield respectively, and it is now possible to add a third instance of the same kind met with in Middlesex. Early in August one of my sisters, Mrs. G. J. Ashby, told me that she had both heard and seen a number of common house crickets on and about an extensive rubbish-heap near West Drayton, and on subsequent occasions she collected several specimens for me. I understand that the refuse composing the rubbish-heap is brought from houses in the west of London, and that some of the materials are destroyed by burning. I do not know when this colony of crickets was first established, but in any case the hot weather of the present year would help them to maintain an outdoor life, and the artificial heat engendered by burning would afford further assistance in the same direction.—HERBERT CAMPION; 58, Ranelagh Road, Ealing, W. 5, September 12th, 1921.

## SOCIETIES.

THE SOUTH LONDON ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—*July 14th, 1921.*—The President in the Chair.—Mr. G. S. Baker, of West Brompton, was elected a member.—There was a short discussion on *Xanthorhoë (Cidaria) rivata* and *X. (C.) alternata (sociata)*, introduced by Mr. Hy. J. Turner, who dealt at length with the nomenclature and differentiation and briefly with the variation.—Mr. A. A. W. Buckstone exhibited series from several localities and referred to a later and darker form of *X. alternata (sociata)*.—Mr. Mera, series of both species, and referred to the variation occurring in Britain, dealing especially with the Isle of Lewis dark race of the latter species.—Mr. Enefer read a note on his exhibit of *Hylobius abietis*, a beetle recently becoming abundant in the south of England.—Mr. H. Moore, an ant-lion he had bred from the larva given him by Mr. Main from South France, and also an aberration of *Anosia berenice* from Florida.—Mr. Priske, the unusual winged form of the water Hemipteron *Velia curens*.—Mr. Blair, the fire-fly, *Phengodes laticollis*, from Washington, and read notes on its life-history.—Mr. Turner,