6. On a small Collection of Butterflies made in the Chikala District, British Central Africa, by Mr. George Hoare.


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The present series was forwarded to our Secretary for me by Mr. J. F. Cunningham, Secretary to the Administration, in the hope that they might be useful for the Museum collection, to which I may at once say that it forms a most welcome addition.

Chikala, north end of Lake Shirwa, being new collecting-ground, might be expected to yield new species to the explorer; but the present consignment (which comprises examples of only twenty-one species) contains nothing hitherto unnamed, although one of the ten forms of Charaxes in the collection is of considerable interest to me, not only as being the first female specimen which we have acquired, but as proving that I was correct in placing C. lactetinetus next after C. azota in my arrangement of the genus.

Considering that most of the specimens in this collection belong to the muscular-winged genus Charaxes, we may congratulate Mr. Hoare that so many of them are in good condition. The following is a list of the species:

1. Amuris whytei Butl.
   A single perfect male example.

2. Melanitis solandra Fabr.
   One female.

3. Eurytela hyarba, var. angustata Auriv.
   A perfect male, with the band on the secondaries nearly as wide and the markings below as distinct as in the typical Western form.

   Two perfect male specimens.

5. Charaxes pollux Cram.
   A pair. The female of this species is rather rare.

6. Charaxes castor, var. flavifasciatus Butl.
   A nearly perfect male.

7. Charaxes guderiana Dewitz.
   A perfect male.

8. Charaxes azota, var. nyasana Butl.
   A nearly perfect female. Quite new to the Museum collection.

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The female of the Delagoa Bay form (the typical C. azota of Hewitson) has been figured by Mrs. Monteiro in her ‘Delagoa Bay, its Natives and Natural History,’ frontispiece, fig. 1.

Four females, three of them a little worn, but not much broken.

A male almost perfect.

11. Charaxes citheeron Feld.
Two perfect males.

12. Charaxes bohemanii Feld.
Three females, a little worn.

13. Charaxes varanes Cramer.
Five examples, two being almost perfect. This species usually comes to hand in very poor condition.

Two fine specimens.

15. Pyrameis cardui Linn.
A slightly worn male.

A rather rubbed male.

17. Euralia wahlbergi Wallgr.
A perfect male.

18. Catopsilia florella Fabr.
Two much-worn females.

19. Papilio similis Cram.
A slightly damaged male.

20. Papilio demoleus Linn.
Two good males.

Four males and one female in good condition.