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THE field meeting was held at Ivythorn Manor on 9 June 1933 by the kind invitation of Captain and Mrs. Page. The weather was all that could be desired, but very few captures of imagines were recorded and none of special interest. Messrs. Hancock and Perrens beat out a few larvae of *chaonia*, *revyana*, *ridens* and *trepida*, the last very small and of various small geometers. The past summer had been remarkable in other respects than the weather, the summer brood of *sinapis* was swarming at Branscombe (E. Devon) on 25 July, *Colias edusa* and var. *helice* were both out on the same date, C. J. Perrens noted the first *edusa* on 25 May; this is unusual so far west. H. St. George Gray took 2 on the wing on 11 October at Athelney, and C. Down, a friend of J. V. Blachford, took 4 males in good condition and 1 var. *helice* on Shapwick Moor on 12 October. One was seen on the wing on 9 November between Faircross and Wood Advent by the Misses Ann and Ellen Wyndham, sisters of William Wyndham of Orchard Wyndham, West Somerset, and G. B. Coney reports having seen one well into November. A perfect specimen of *Colias hyale* was taken by A. R. Hayward at Misterton; and Wallace Macmillan took one at Castle Cary on August bank holiday. H. St. George Gray also reports that *Vanessa urticae* was seen on the wing at Taunton by Mrs. St. George Gray on 3 December 1933. *Acherontia atropos* has been unusually plentiful. H. St. George Gray reports 5 (1 at Taunton, 2 at Ilminster, 1 at Bishops Lydeard and 1 at Ash Priors), Preb. A. P. Wickham 5 at Cheddar and 1 at East Brent, and G. D. Hancock 1 at Minehead. G. B. Coney has taken some remarkable varieties of the third brood

of *C. phlaeas* at Batcombe and J. V. Blachford a very fine one on 21 July, probably of the second brood on Shapwick Moor. Ivy bloom in the autumn in the Bridgwater district was quite good. Two *rubiginea* and several *socia* and *semibrunnea* being taken while *aurago* was quite common and *lutulenta* was noted for the first time in that district. A. R. Hayward took *Elachista subalbidella* on the turf moor on 6 June. *Deiopeia* (*Utetheisa pulchella*—Meyrick's generic name) was taken by H. N. E. Alston on the golf links, Burnham-on-Sea, on 11 September; the specimen is now in the collection of Prebendary Wickham.

Mr. Claude Morley, secretary of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society with two friends, Dr. K. G. Blair and Mr. C. G. Doughty, spent June 19 to July 17 on Shapwick Moor and have very kindly sent in the names of over a thousand insects observed in the neighbourhood during that time. Unfortunately they were received too late for publication in this report, but we hope to be able to give a list of the more uncommon specimens in the next. *Ochsenheimeria vacculella* was the only species of lepidoptera taken which was new to the county.