

The Formicidæ (Hymenoptera) taken by Major R. W. G. Hingston, M.C., I.M.S. (ret.), on the Mount Everest Expedition, 1924. By HORACE DONISTHORPE, F.Z.S., F.E.S., &c.

THE following list of ants taken by Major Hingston on this expedition includes the names of twenty-two species, of which four are new to science. There are six species of Ponerinæ, one Doryline, six Myrmicinæ, and nine Formicinæ. In the Formicinæ two species—*Formica exsecta*, Nyl., and *Formica picea*, Nyl.—are found in Britain. Perhaps the most interesting of the four new species is *Acanthomyops* (*Chthonolasius*) *hingstoni*, which I have named in honour of its discoverer. Most of the species are well-known Indian insects. According to Major Hingston, the ants found at the higher elevations are exceedingly lethargic and sluggish in their movements.

PONERINÆ.

1. *Lobopelta diminuta*, Smith.

11 ♂ ♀, Sikhim, Rongli Chu, 3000 ft., 29. iii. 24.

2. *Odontoponera transversa*, Smith.

1 ♀, Sikhim, Rongli Chu, 3000 ft., 29. iii. 24.

3. *Diacamma sculptum*, Jerd.

6 ♂ ♀, Sikhim, Kalimpong, 4000 ft., 27. iii. 24; 3 ♂ ♀, Sikhim, Gantok, 5000 ft., 5. iv. 24.