

volume of the 'Butterflies of North America' as they became due, on the condition that the collection should be handed over to him when the studies were completed. This was done, and to-day Edwards's entire collection forms a part of Dr. Holland's own private collection, which is now deposited in the museum of the Carnegie Institute in order that it may be made available with other collections for purposes of study on the part of students.

"Whilst fully appreciating the public spirit of Dr. Holland, it does seem pitiful that the best work ever done by an American lepidopterist was so ill-supported by the entomological public for whom it was written, that the author not only had to give his life's work as a labour of love, but also had to part with his collection, with all its personal and sentimental ties, in order to give to an entomological world a work that it could not even appreciate to the point of paying for the actual mechanical labour expended by printers, lithographers, etc., in its production, an entomological public that took, in addition, without payment, the years of labour spent by the author, in amassing material, breeding and curating the specimens, describing their early stages, etc. Such work is sometimes called, as we have called it above, a labour of love. This may be excellent sentiment, but it appears to us to be amazing nonsense in such a case as this. A labour that ended in Edwards handing over his collection, under the conditions above described, must have sapped his entomological life's blood. No wonder we read in the notices of his death in the American magazines, that, for the last 20 years of his life, Edwards gave up the study of entomology, and took to the study of Shakespearian literature. Dr. Holland's statement allows us now to picture clearly what entomology lost by the failure of individual entomologists to support the best work on lepidoptera that America ever produced. Possibly, at least, two more volumes like the others might have been produced, had they both been supported, and in their place we have a wordy warfare as to how Shakespeare's name ought to be spelt!!"—The Entomologists' Record and Journal of Variation, London, England—October 1909, pp. 239-240.

#### MEETINGS DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science and the various societies affiliated with it, will meet at Boston, Mass., during the week beginning Dec. 27, 1909. The Association of Economic Entomologists will hold its meetings on the Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Entomological Society of America on the Thursday and Friday of that week. A large attendance is expected.

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