
THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGISTS.

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The fifth annual meeting of the Association of Economic Entomologists was held at Madison, Wisconsin, in the Science Hall of the University of Wisconsin, on August 14, 15 and 16, 1893.

Sixteen members were present, as follows :—President S. A. Forbes, Second Vice-President J. B. Smith, Secretary H. Garman, J. M. Aldrich, G. F. Atkinson, G. C. Davis, C. P. Gillette, A. D. Hopkins, L. O. Howard, M. E. Murtfeldt, H. Osborn, C. V. Riley, P. H. Rolfs, H. E. Summers, F. M. Webster and H. E. Weed. A number of visitors and members of other scientific associations were present during the sessions, making rather a large attendance.

The following papers were presented, among them several from foreign entomologists, and the discussions were of the greatest interest. I shall briefly mention the papers in the order of their presentation :—

The annual address of President S. A. Forbes reviewed the 115 economic articles containing new matter published by members of the Association since the last meeting. These articles he grouped by subjects and by nature of outcome, thus giving an admirable idea of the work of the year in shape for the drawing of conclusions. He called attention to a narrowness of view and consequent inadequacy in the treatment of general questions, due to the want of comprehensive organization and systematic co-operation. - In his opinion the methods of publication and enforcement of results now in general use fall far short of their final end. As a result the farmer has not responded to the suggestions of the investigating entomologist as might be anticipated. He suggested that more attention might be paid to describing the effects of the insect work than to the insects themselves, subordinating the account of the insects. He insisted that instead of making an entomologist of the farmer we should make a farmer of the entomologist. He suggested distinguishing between the temporary and permanent presentation of facts in economic publications, advising the preparation of special economic summaries or monographs of all insect injuries to each of the various crops, and printing and distributing these summaries in great numbers. Co-operation in this particular line was urged. Addresses to Farmers' Institutes should be accompanied by a printed résumé to be distributed among those present.