

of insects have been taken during the season in the Ottawa district by local members.

The Entomological Branch, in the death of its foremost leader, Dr. James Fletcher, has sustained an irreparable loss. It is hardly necessary to refer here other than briefly to this sad event which is felt so keenly by the Club, as the January issue of the OTTAWA NATURALIST is a Memorial Number containing tributes from leading members.

In August we were glad to welcome to the Branch, Mr. Herbert Groh, a new Assistant in the Division of Entomology and Botany of the Dominion Experimental Farms.

During the winter months the fortnightly meetings of the Branch have been continued. These meetings are most helpful. Many specimens of great interest are exhibited at each meeting and much information given concerning their habits, etc. At these meetings it is customary for each member to bring something to exhibit or some paper to read. New books on entomology are shown from time to time, and in this way the members are kept in touch with publications as they appear. It is a pity that more members of the Club do not take an interest in insect life. There is no more promising field for good work of a scientific nature than in entomology, and certainly no subject of more intense interest. The pleasure derived from watching an insect emerge from its egg, or a caterpillar change to the chrysalis state, or a moth issue from its cocoon, is most fascinating.

As in previous years some of our local members brought back with them from their distant fields of labour, small collections of insects of special interest. Mr. Joseph Keele, of the Geological Survey, made some valuable collections at the mouth of the Gravel River and along the McKenzie River adjacent, on the eastern slope of the Rockies. Mr. C. H. Young, of the same department, spent the months of August and September at the Biological Station, Departure Bay, B.C., with our highly esteemed Honorary Member, the Rev. G. W. Taylor, who is now there as Curator of the Station. Mr. Young collected insects of several orders, among which are some of much interest. Mr. Douglas H. Nelles, of the Alaska Boundary Survey, spent the summer in the Yukon district between Whitehorse and the 141st Meridian and brought back with him a small collection of butterflies. Mr. Andrew Halkett, of the Fisheries Museum, returned to Ottawa in November, with a small collection of insects taken in Alberta. Dr. Fletcher made a hurried trip to British Columbia in September and October and while stopping over for a day or two each at Nepigon, Ont., Regina, Sask., Banff, Alta., and Departure Bay, B.C., collected many insects