

tinuance and improvement of our periodical, the formation of a cabinet of insects arranged in an economical point of view, and placed in the rooms of the Association at Toronto, and by the publication of a Report upon the Insects affecting the Apple, Grape, and Plum, prepared by Messrs. Saunders and Reed and myself. The singular favour accorded by the public to this Report, and the fact that an edition of three thousand copies was speedily exhausted, sufficiently attest its value.

The present year (1871) has been signalized by the Incorporation of the Society by the Legislature of Ontario, at the instigation of the Bureau of Agriculture, and the grant to its funds by the Government of \$500 a year. By the same Act, moreover, your President is entitled to take his seat as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Agriculture and arts. Among the ranks of progress of the year, mention must by no means be omitted of the formation of a *third* Branch of the Society at Kingston, which we trust will long continue to grow and prosper.

Such, gentlemen, is a brief account of the origin and progress of our Society, the recital of which has not, I trust, proved uninteresting to you. When we look back upon our growth and development, we must all, I am sure, feel cheered and encouraged to continue our work and strive by our united efforts to make the ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO a credit and a blessing to our land.

Before concluding, I feel that it is my painful duty to remind you of the loss which our Society and the cause of Natural Science generally in this Province has sustained in the recent death of Prof. Hincks, of University College, Toronto. He joined us in our first attempts at organization, and continued our steady friend and supporter till a few months ago. Though his special studies were chiefly devoted to another department of Nature, he yet took a lively interest in Entomology, and was a frequent attendant at our meetings. He died at a ripe old age, and has left a mark upon the scientific records of our country which will not soon be effaced.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for the honour you have done me in calling upon me to preside over you during the past year, and trusting that our Society will continue to grow and prosper, and be zealously maintained by us all,

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. BETHUNE.

Kingston, Sept. 27, 1871.