

INTRODUCTORY.

ONCE again at the close of another year, a few of the members of the Entomological Society of Ontario have undertaken the task of endeavouring to lay before the public, some information respecting the habits and lives of the insect world, and more especially those members of it which have a direct or indirect influence upon the growth or well-being of the produce of field or forest.

It is a satisfaction to know that these annual reports are read and appreciated, and that many of our practical Fruit-Growers and Agriculturists are desirous of obtaining some knowledge of the transformations of the various and beautiful members of the insect world, of those beautiful atoms of God's creation, each in its appointed sphere fulfilling the purpose for which it was created, drawing forth our wonder, our admiration and our praise ; for "He who wondereth at nothing hath no capabilities of bliss, but he that scrutinizeth trifles hath a store of pleasure to his hand, and happy and wise is the man to whose mind a trifle existeth not."

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small,
For the dear God that loveth us,
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