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It has been our custom at the commencement of a new volume to offer our hearty greetings to our friends and correspondents, to all who read the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST,—to all, indeed, who take a kindly interest in the success of our journal and the welfare of our Society. This year we do so most cordially, with not a little pardonable pride, when we remember that it is for the *fifth* time. Four years and a half have elapsed since we ventured to put forth our diminutive first number that consisted merely of eight pages; with our last December number we completed our fourth volume and eight-hundredth page of Entomological matter!

A complaint has once or twice reached us lately to the effect that our publication was gradually becoming too technical, and consequently of decreasing interest to a large number of our readers, who, from various causes, are unable to become deep students of the science, but who take great delight in learning all they can respecting the economy and classification of the insects of the country. We must confess that the complaint is not unfounded, and that we have almost unconsciously drifted somewhat away from the design of the periodical. It has always been our intention and desire to meet the requirements, if possible, of two classes of readers—those, on the one hand, who are leaders in the pursuit of Entomology, and who, therefore wish to have presented to them in convenient form all discoveries of new species and other valuable scientific information that may from time to time be acquired by their fellows,—and those, on the other hand, who collect and study insects to some extent, but are not yet far advanced in the pursuit; or who merely regard insects as destructive or beneficial and therefore wish to know something about them; or, again, who take pleasure in learning all they can about these creatures without either collecting or specially studying them. To meet the particular requirements of all these various descriptions of readers would, of course, be a perfect impossibility in a periodical of such limited size as ours; at the same time we think that