

THE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB OF THE A. A. A. S.

A meeting of this club was held in the rooms of the American Entomological Society in Philadelphia on Friday evening, Dec. 30, 1904. Over thirty persons attended. The President, Dr. Henry Skinner, spoke of the meeting of the Club held 20 years before in the Hotel Lafayette in Philadelphia. Mr. H. A. Morgan was elected President and Mr. G. W. Herrick Secretary for the New Orleans meeting. Dr. Skinner was elected Permanent Secretary. The report of the Committee on a National Organization of Entomologists was read and adopted. It provided for the appointment of a committee which should communicate with certain Entomological Societies, inviting each to add a member to the committee, and when thus formed it should prepare a constitution, by-laws and plan of work for an association of North American Entomologists, and call a meeting in 1905. Dr. John B. Smith, Dr. James G. Needham and Prof. C. P. Gillette were appointed on this committee.

The President spoke of the history of American Entomology, especially of Thomas Say, and exhibited a set of albums belonging to the American Entomological Society, containing the photographs of many older as well as contemporary entomologists. All were invited to contribute to these. Mr. Rehn exhibited numerous old and rare entomological works and editions. Dr. Cook stated that the Gundlach collection was in an excellent state of preservation in Havana, where was also Poey's collection.

Dr. MacGillivray spoke of the Comstock-Needham system of wing venation. He claimed that it represented the real homologies of the veins in all orders. In practically all saw-flies the radial sector arose from the base of the stigma, and what appears to be the base of the radial sector from near the apex of the stigma in all higher Hymenoptera, but he had recently proved that in reality the base of the radial sector has been lost in the latter case, and the radial cross-vein has assumed its functions. He showed that specialization had occurred by addition in such orders as Odonata, and by reduction in Diptera, etc. The subject was discussed by several members. Dr. Fernald complained of the inaccuracy of the terms used in the question of mimicry. He placed on the board a tentative table to classify such phenomena. Mr. Summers put a similar table on the board. The subject was discussed at length. Mr. Washburn then spoke of the attractions Minnesota offered to the entomologist, and the meeting then adjourned.

J. CHESTER BRADLEY, Sec. pro tempore.

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