

The Quebec Branch has ceased for the present to exist; but we hope shortly to see it reorganized.

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Our membership in the United States is steadily increasing, and from this source we derive much substantial assistance both to our funds and our magazine. The publication of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST is still continued; the fourth volume is now nearly completed. The ENTOMOLOGIST is at present the only regularly-issued periodical on this Continent devoted to the science of Entomology. We must not omit to return our hearty thanks to those friends who have so kindly sent material to the editors, and by whose active assistance the latter have been able to keep up the good reputation of our periodical. Especially would we make honourable mention of Mr. V. T Chambers, of Covington, Kentucky, whose admirable papers on the Micro Lepidoptera have attracted much attention both here and in England.

Some of onr members have expressed an opinion that the ENTOMOLOGIST is too exclusively scientific, and that its pages have not been made sufficiently interesting to those amongst us who are at present only beginners in the study of the science. The Council feel that there is some justice in this remark, and we would suggest to our successors that perhaps it may be feasible to publish, in the pages of the ENTOMOLOGIST, the descriptions of our native Lepidoptera, taken from the original sources, as far as practicable, and thus give some assistance to those whose want of proper books, or inability to get even a reference to them, is an insuperable barrier to their working out for themselves the names of the various species in their collections.

The great drawback to the Society's efforts is a want of sufficient funds to procure the requisite scientific works on Entomology, many of which are very rare and costly, and also a proper supply of engravings and electrotypes of the various insects treated of. It is very difficult to meet the latter demand, owing to the want of a good artist who is well versed in the science, and able to give a correct representation of the originals; at the present time we have to send to the United States for the greater part of our wood cuts and electrotypes.

The Council appointed a delegation to confer with the Commissioner of Agriculture on the subject of an increased grant, and there is every reason to hope that the result will be successful. In their application they will be strongly supported by the Fruit Growers' Association, who are making a similar appeal.

We have much pleasure in referring to the very generous donation of fifty dollars towards our library fund by the Fruit Growers' Association. It becomes indeed more manifest, as each succeeding year rolls on, that the cordial feeling existing between these two sister Societies is a strong element in their success, and furnishes fresh proof of the necessity of their continuing the work in the same friendly manner. We sincerely hope that this feeling will always continue.

The financial statement will, we think, be found satisfactory to the members.

The Council have thought it advisable to rent rooms at London for three years from July 1, 1872, at \$80 per annum; of this the London Branch pays \$30. We would here suggest and recommend that the expenses of fitting it up in a suitable manner be borne by the Society. The estimated cost is about \$100. It must not be forgotten that hitherto the Society has had no proper place for keeping the stock of books, cabinets, pins, corks, etc.

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