

"*Resolved.*—That the members of this Society have learned with deep regret of the sudden death of Benjamin D. Walsh, State Entomologist of Illinois. We have long admired his zeal and earnestness in endeavouring to advance entomological science, and we feel that our favourite study has lost in him one of its staunchest supporters and advocates, and those of us who had the privilege of his personal acquaintance, a warm friend. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved widow and friends, and assure them that his labour of love manifest in his many valuable contributions to entomological literature will ever be fondly cherished in our memories."

"*Resolved.*—That the Secretary be instructed to transmit copies of the above resolution to the widow of the late B. D. Walsh, and also to the editors of the *American Entomologist* and *Canadian Entomologist*, requesting them to insert the same in their next issues."

A SINGULAR CASE.

Seeing in the last number of the *Canadian Entomologist*, a description of the eggs of *A. Luna*, reminds me to ask of you the explanation of a curious circumstance in the life-history of one bred by me from the larva last year. I will premise that I am writing without my notes, and therefore cannot give figures accurately, but can give the facts. There may be nothing very strange about it, but two of the best entomologists in the United States inform me that it is entirely new to them. It is this:—Some time in the latter part of the summer of 1868 I took, feeding on walnut leaves, a mature larva of *A. Luna*, from which I did not hope to rear the mature insect, because I counted on the larva over twenty eggs like those of a *Tachina*. Underneath some of these eggs I could discern with a lens a minute opening through which the fly-larva had entered the body of the *Luna* larva. The skin of the latter was more or less discoloured under each egg, but under some—under many in fact—there was a dense black spot, sometimes two lines in diameter. I made a slight incision in the skin of the *Luna* larva at the place where a *Tachina* larva seemed to have entered by one of the little holes, to see if I could find the *Tachina* larva. It was a very slight incision, as I did not wish to kill the *Luna* larva, but wanted to rear the flies from it to see if they were the same as those bred from *Saturnia Io*. Before it spun up it changed colour, becoming almost pink. It spun up, and to my surprise, instead of producing *Tachina*, there last spring emerged from it an unusually large *Luna*. The question which puzzles me is, what became of the parasites? According to all the books, I believe, the entrance of the parasite into the body of its proper host is certain death. Could it have been that the parent *Tachina* made a mistake, and that its progeny, not finding the *Luna* to their taste, died or made their escape? Even if they had died inside the *Luna* larva, must they not have occasioned its death, especially considering the number of them?