

The first meeting of the Branch in August, 1873, consisted of seven members, and since then five additional members have been elected.

The following papers were read during the winter months :

"A Dissertation on Northern Butterflies," by William Couper ; "On the Cicindelidae Occurring on the Island of Montreal," by F. B. Caulfield ; "On Some of the Benefits Derived from Insects," by F. B. Caulfield.

The following works have been donated during the year :

"On Some Remarkable Forms of Animal Life from the Great Deepes of the Norwegian Coast," by G. O. Sars, 1 vol.; "On Norwegian Crustaceans," by G. O. Sars, 2 vols.; "Synopsis of the Acrididae of North America," by Cyrus Thomas, 1 vol.

Your Council would suggest that the Curator procure store boxes for the preservation of the specimens obtained for the Society during the approaching season. In this way the nucleus of a collection can be formed prior to the purchase of a cabinet, which your Council trusts the Society will be possessed of before next winter.

Your Council would also suggest that members carry note-books wherein to record Entomological observations, especially relative to insects injurious to the crops ; also of such species as are considered beneficial in checking the progress of destructive insects. As this is one of the principal objects of the Society, field notes of this nature are always valuable, and should form subjects of investigation and discussion at our meetings. Attention should be given to the larval forms of insects, as this is a specialty of Entomology from which much knowledge is yet to be obtained.

Your Council strongly impress on the members to use their influence in promoting a knowledge of the importance of the study of Entomology, more especially with agriculturists and horticulturists, in order to enable them to check the ravages of the numerous insects injurious to vegetation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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