

purposes, and the vigour and zeal of its executive, are all matters upon which we may well congratulate its President, Directors and Members. That it may go on and prosper, and extend its work throughout our land, till every resident of the Dominion enjoys the fruit of his own vine and his own fruit-tree, is our most hearty aspiration.

During the past year but little has occurred in an Entomological point of view that calls for especial notice on this occasion. A year ago I ventured to call your attention to the subject of Specific and Generic Nomenclature, which has been so unpleasantly exciting the minds of Entomologists both here and almost everywhere else. My remarks, I was gratified to find, elicited a good deal of discussion in the pages of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, and brought forth a very able paper upon the subject from the pen of Mr. W. H. Edwards, of West Virginia. The question, however, has by no means yet been set at rest and will no doubt continue to exercise us all for some time to come. At the Dubuque Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a sub-section of Entomology was formed, and a committee of its adherents specially appointed to consider and report upon a series of rules upon nomenclature. Unhappily—owing to various circumstances—no report was drawn up, though, I must in justice state, that my friend Mr. C. V. Riley, of St. Louis, took a great deal of pains to elicit the views of the members and to draw up some conclusions from them. Last month, at the Portland meeting of the Association—which, to my very great disappointment, unavoidable engagements prevented me from attending—a new committee was appointed to re-consider the subject, and we trust that some definite rules will have been decided upon by its members before the meeting of next year at Hartford, Conn.

You will all, I have no doubt, be gratified to learn that, upon the suggestion of the sub-section of Entomology, the American Association unanimously passed a resolution inviting our Entomological Society of Ontario, as well as the American Entomological Society, to hold a general meeting of our members at Hartford next year during their annual session. I trust that this invitation will be cordially accepted and that a large number of us may there meet our American friends and enlarge and strengthen those cordial feelings of scientific brotherhood which have so long pleasantly existed between us. I may add, as a notable token of the estimation in which our branch of science is now held, that the Association will meet next year under the presidency of our ablest American Entomologist—Dr. J. L. Leconte, of Philadelphia.