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In our last we briefly called attention to the fact that the Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science would hold its first regular meeting on Tuesday, August the 10th, (the day preceding the meeting of the Association), at Detroit, Michigan. This organization of Entomologists, effected last year at the meeting in Hartford, promises to be an important one, embracing, as it does, within its ranks most of the leading Entomologists in America. Doubtless many important subjects will come up for discussion during the meeting, and among the rest (although we do not speak authoritatively) we doubt not but that the vexed and vexing subject of Entomological nomenclature will claim a fair share of attention. We sincerely hope that some rules will be devised which will result in establishing definitely and permanently the names by which we are to know many of the common insects which surround us, and that some limit will be placed to this everlasting searching among dry bones and continuous resurrecting of names from the musty records of the past, where in the interests of our favorite science they might in many instances have better remained forever forgotten. We do not propose to discuss here the subject of the question of priority, but we do firmly believe that we need the establishment of some rules by which the permanency of our names may be assured, if we do not wish to discourage and disgust the greater number of those valuable working members of our corps who have not time to investigate the merits of the various claims set forth by those who endeavour to lead us in these matters, but who are in many instances as much at variance with each other as the great bulk of the rank and file are disposed to be with them all; not—let it be understood—at variance with them personally; on the contrary, these persevering and talented labourers are held in the highest esteem, but it is felt that in their zeal in defence of the dead they are imposing on the living burdens unnecessary and grievous to be borne.

We anticipate that a large number of specimens will be brought together for the purposes of comparison and obtaining names, and thus much valuable information be elicited. We bespeak a large attendance