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INTRODUCTORY.

In the following Report, the several writers are only responsible for the articles that appear under their respective names. Occupied as they are with their own professions, and having only a small portion of their leisure hours to devote to the study of their favourite science of Entomology, they would crave the indulgence of their readers for any imperfections in this Report. It has been thought advisable to refer briefly to some of the insects described in the Report of 1870, and to notice anything new about their habits or history which the experience of the past year has been able to discover.

Their chief aim has been to lay before the public, in a popular form, all the practical information that they have been able to collect, from facts given on good authority, and experiments conducted with care and perseverance, respecting the habits of the various Insects treated of, and the remedies that have been tried to counteract or terminate their ravages.

If by these Reports any desire shall be aroused to become better acquainted with the wonderful economy and history of the many beautiful and curious little creatures of the insect world, or if any advantage shall be derived herefrom by any agriculturist or horticulturist, the writers will be amply recompensed for their labours.

Acknowledgment is here gratefully made to the proprietor of the "Canada Farmer," for the use of many of his admirable engravings, and to the State Entomologist of Missouri, C. V. Riley, Esq, for furnishing electrotypes of his own beautiful drawings.

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