

by the Standing Committee to the effect that the formation of a Sub-section of Entomology in Section B be authorised by the Association, and the necessary amendment to the Constitution be brought up for adoption at the next annual meeting. This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the meeting, and will no doubt be ratified next year; we may, therefore, look upon the "Sub-section of Entomology" as an accomplished fact. We trust that our readers will now do what in them lies to make it a useful and attractive portion of the Association, and not allow so good a vantage ground to be lost by apathy and indifference. We would venture to suggest to the Committee that they should, at an early date, announce some special department of entomology to be taken up by the meeting next year, in addition to any subjects that may be brought into discussion by the papers of individual members. Such a plan, though not perhaps quite in accordance with precedent, would, we think, add value and attractiveness to the meeting, and possibly bring together more of our "brethren of the net" than usually attend on such occasions.

The proceedings of Monday brought the actual work of the meeting pretty well to a close; few of the members, however, returned to their homes without first going upon one or more of the interesting excursions that were made to various localities in the neighbourhood. These, we feel sure, were heartily enjoyed by all who took part in them, even though some—like the writer—may not be able to avoid occasional painful reminiscences of a crawl through a lead-mine, or a night among the Sioux City mosquitoes.

The next meeting is to be held on the shores of the Atlantic at Portland, Maine, and will, we trust, prove as agreeable a reunion as the one lately brought to a close on the far away banks of the Mississippi.

ON THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SOME GENERA OF CANADIAN INSECTS.

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The study of the geographical distribution of Insects acquires additional interest by its connection with astronomical calculations, and with geological researches. From them it is understood that the earth was once covered with snow and ice from the poles to the tropics, and that the like event may recur in the future, and restore the hemispheres