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VALEDICTORY.

More than forty years ago, in August, 1868, the Editor put forth the first number of the *CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST*, a modest venture of eight pages. The same Editor last month brought to completion the 41st volume of this periodical. He has not, however, been continuously carrying on this work during all those years. After the publication of the first five volumes he was succeeded by his friend, Dr. William Saunders, of London, who edited the magazine for the next thirteen years. In 1886 Dr. Saunders was appointed Director of the Experimental Farms of the Dominion, and found his time so fully employed that he requested Dr. Bethune to take his place and become Editor once more. Thirteen of the forty-one volumes have thus been edited by Dr. Saunders, and twenty-eight by Dr. Bethune.

It is now necessary to make a change and transfer the charge of the magazine to younger hands. The weight of advancing years and the disability occasioned by impaired eyesight have led the long-time Editor to ask for relief, and to shift the burden of responsibility to other shoulders. It is with much reluctance that he gives up this labour of love and ceases to correspond with his widely-scattered contributors, to whose kindness and ability the success of the magazine has been so largely due. To say good-bye to old friends is a painful duty, and to give up work because one has become too old for its proper accomplishment is perhaps more painful still. But time is inexorable; there is no escape from the changes it brings, and so it becomes a paramount necessity to make way for the younger men, to pass on into their vigorous hands the torch of science which one can no longer hold on high.

Happily a worthy successor is available, and the announcement is made with much gratification that Dr. E. M. Walker, Lecturer in Biology at the University of Toronto, has accepted the position of Editor of the *CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST*. Dr. Walker's name is widely known in scientific circles through the admirable work that he has accomplished in the Orthoptera and Odonata, to which orders he has especially directed his attention. It is earnestly hoped that the many friends of the Editor who now retires will be as considerate, as kind, and as generous to the