

bers everywhere, and will require an entirely distinct arrangement and system from that adopted in the Society's classified collections. Our readers will perceive that this is work for all to do; the humblest beginner, the merest collector, can render valuable assistance in his own way, as well as the more advanced student of the science. Hearty co-operation, regular systematic observation and work are what we require, and what all can render if they choose.

Since our last issue, two regular meetings of the Society have been held in Toronto. At the first, Nov. 10, 1869, in addition to the ordinary routine business, letters were read from Baron Osten Sacken, and Dr. Hagen, acknowledging their election as Honorary Members of the Society, and from Mr. Sanborn and Mr. D'Urban as Corresponding Members; the thanks of the Society were voted to the Boston Society of Natural History, for the donation to the Library of a copy of the "Harris Correspondence;" and a number of specimens of *Buprestidæ* were exhibited by Messrs. Saunders, Reed, and Beihune. At the second meeting, Dec. 14, 1869, the resolution quoted above was read, and the meeting resolved upon accepting the grant of the Agricultural and Arts Association upon the conditions specified. Mr. F. B. Robertson was elected an Ordinary Member; the Secretary announced the much lamented death of Mr. B. D. Walsh, State Entomologist of Illinois, and obituary resolutions of a similar character to those passed at a meeting of the London branch, were adopted.

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#### DEATH OF THE STATE ENTOMOLOGIST OF ILLINOIS.

It is with feelings of very great grief that we record the death of our much esteemed correspondent, Benjamin D. Walsh, M. A., State Entomologist of Illinois. He was walking, it appears, on the railroad track near the depot, at Rock Island, on Friday, Nov. 12th, when a train coming on him unawares, the engine caught his foot and crushed it. The injured limb was amputated, and for several days no great alarm was felt respecting his condition; it soon however, became evident that he had received serious internal injuries, and that there was no hope of his recovery. He lived till the 18th of the month, and then, after much suffering, breathed his last.

No words of ours are needed to tell the reader of the loss science has sustained by this sad accident. One of the most thorough entomologists in America has been taken from us in the full maturity of his powers; the accumulated stores of knowledge gathered during many years of zealous labors in the field, and in the study, have been closed to us for ever. Deeply do we deplore the bereavement, but humbly must we bow in meek submission to the incomprehensible wisdom of an overruling Providence.

The following resolutions respecting this sad event were adopted at a recent meeting of the London Branch of the Entomological Society of Canada:—