

HENRY HERBERT LYMAN, M. A.

The portrait prefixed to this volume is that of Mr. Henry Herbert Lyman, of Montreal, who has just retired from the Presidency of the Entomological Society of Ontario. He was born at Montreal on the 21st of December, 1854, and was educated at the West End Academy and the High School, winning at the latter the Davidson medal. From school he proceeded to the McGill University and obtained his degree of B. A., with the distinction of being the Logan Medalist in Geology and Natural Sciences, in 1876; in due course he took his M. A. degree in 1880.

The year following his graduation at McGill (1877) he entered the business of Lymans, Clare & Co., wholesale druggists, in Montreal, of which his father was a principal partner; two years later the firm became Lyman, Sons & Co. Mr. H. H. Lyman is now senior partner in the firm and is also president of the Lyman Bros. & Co. (limited) of Toronto. These business houses are known throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, and have always been distinguished for their upright dealing, energy and enterprise.

At the same time that he began his business career he joined the volunteers in Montreal; starting as an Ensign in the 5th battalion, now the Royal Scots of Canada, he gradually rose to be Major in 1885, with which rank he retired in 1891.

Though deeply engrossed in business and with much of his leisure taken up by his military duties, he yet found time to devote to his instinctive love for Natural History. When less than eight years old he began to take an interest in insects and to observe their ways, and when only twelve he started to form a collection, the precursor of what is now one of the finest collections of Lepidoptera in Canada. His first printed observations on insects appeared in the 6th volume of the *Canadian Entomologist* (1874), and shewed that even in those early days he was engaged in the rearing of butterflies and moths, a work to which he has largely devoted himself ever since. He has now contributed to eighteen out of the thirty-one volumes thus far published, and has also furnished useful and interesting papers to several of the Annual Reports of the Society. The value of his scientific work and attainments has been widely recognized. Since 1891 he has been a member of the Editing Committee of the *Canadian Entomologist*: in 1895 he was elected Vice-President of the Entomological Society of Ontario and continued to hold that position until his election as President in 1897. He held this highest place in the Society for two years to the great satisfaction of the members, and retired at the recent annual meeting. He is also a Vice-President of the Natural History Society of Montreal, in whose winter lectures he takes an active part; an associate member of the Cambridge Entomological Club; a corresponding member of the New York Entomological Society and of the United States National Geographic Society; an honorary member of the North West (Canada) Entomological Society; Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute, Member of Council of the British Empire League, and Member of both the British and American Associations for the Advancement of Science. He has also been for the last thirteen years President of the Montreal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and has done more than any other man to keep alive the enthusiasm of the members and encourage all who show any interest in the subject to persevere in the study and experience for themselves the joys of the ardent naturalist. During all these years nearly all the monthly meetings have been held at his house, and the members have greatly enjoyed his generous hospitality.

Mr. Lyman is a notable example of what a busy man can do. Though engrossed all day long with the duties and cares of a very extensive business, which demands, more perhaps than any other, a close attention to innumerable details, he yet finds time, not only for the pleasures of an energetic collector of insects, but also for the performance of much careful and conscientious scientific work. His published papers are valuable contributions to science, being always characterized by thorough accuracy of statement and shewing the results of painstaking and long-continued research.