

In the establishment of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the Columbian Exposition, I understand that such a gathering is contemplated, and that such a general meeting will be provided for, if but the entomological societies and individual entomologists will co-operate in the movement. The time indicated in their circulars seems hardly propitious, as it would seem far easier to secure such a gathering at the time of the meeting of our Association of Economic Entomologists, but, doubtless, the preference of that Association and this Club will be considered, as without their support such a congress could not succeed.

It would seem to me very proper that the club pass a resolution endorsing the effort to arrange for an Entomological Congress, offering its support and designating the officers for the coming year, as the medium of communication concerning any matters requiring action before our next annual gathering, and, if deemed wise, some special instruction as to an effort to arrange dates which will accommodate the entomologists of the country best.

As entomologists we should uphold the standing of our profession. We are sometimes met by evidences of a sentiment hardly complimentary to our calling, an apparent feeling that the entomologist may be a harmless sort of fellow, who catches bugs in a net and then puts them in a bottle; but that for any important work in this life he does not amount to much. This feeling, I am glad to say, seems to be changing rapidly, and in this connection I feel impelled to remark that in my opinion entomologists owe a debt of lasting gratitude to the distinguished head of the division of entomology for the status given to entomological work in the U. S. and throughout the world. To him, I believe, more than to any other one man is due the credit of placing entomological science alongside of other branches of science in the respect and confidence of the people, and thus bringing our profession from the position of a harmless pastime to one of recognized standing alongside of other branches of applied sciences.

Let us, as entomologists, in all our work endeavor to keep this standard high, to avoid anything like the quackery which drags itself alongside of scientific medication.

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Mr. Mann moved a vote of thanks to the President for his excellent address, which duly carried.