

original papers come from this side of the Niagara. We claim it as one of our own, and being the oldest and admirably conducted, we hope that its present efficient editor may long continue to conduct it and render it still more interesting and instructive.

The next oldest is *Psyche*, and in relation to it I may quote what our first President said in his opening address: "*Psyche*, though small, is indispensable to every one occupied with the insects of North America." It covers a ground not occupied by any other periodical in the world, and is very creditable to the disinterested labors of American Entomologists. Its accuracy has never been questioned, and it is extremely desirable to secure its continuous publication. You know that it was begun by the Cambridge Entomological Club, which is really the parent of the Club of the A. A. A. S., which has now been elevated to the dignity of a Sub-Section. The Cambridge Club differs from some others in the country in freely granting the use of its library to Entomologists throughout the whole country, and hence it is very desirable that the library should be enriched and the Club thus enabled to extend its benefits still more widely.

The Bulletin of the Brooklyn Entomological Society is a spirited publication, displaying much zeal, correct diagnosis and careful description.

*Papilio*, the youngest of the family, is entirely devoted to Lepidoptera and thus occupies an exclusive field and cultivates it successfully. The necessity for it arose, I apprehend, from the fact that our investigators had so much that was new to publish, that room could not be found in the other journals, and when we consider that the number of our writers is increasing every year and new discoveries are constantly made, it is plain that all the journals now in existence among us could not publish all the communications unless the journals were greatly enlarged. As it is likely that all these editors render their valuable services gratuitously, and that the present patronage would not justify an enlargement, we shall have to be content for some time to come with their present size.

In conclusion, I will make bold to throw out one or two suggestions.

1. In view of the wonderful progress which our science has made in this country, has not the time come for condensed, complete, systematic books on each of the Orders, after the style of many German books that might be mentioned? Every one of us is often asked by beginners: What book would you recommend on beetles? And our answer is: there is none which contains descriptions of all our known species in