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OUR SIXTEENTH VOLUME.

In entering on our sixteenth volume we beg to tender our thanks to the many kind contributors to whom we are indebted for past favors, and to point to the fact that our success has hitherto largely depended on the original papers we have thus secured. During the year death has removed from among us some of our highly valued helpers; LeConte, Chambers and Bailey rest from their labors. The hearty support accorded to our journal by these distinguished entomologists will never be forgotten, but their esteemed counsel can no longer be sought. Death removes the workers, but the work still goes on. From among the younger students of natural history our ranks are being constantly recruited, and to these we must look for a portion of the help we need. We believe that the students of Entomology were never so numerous as they are at the present time, nor were ever facts more carefully noted. The communities of insects are as active and numerous as ever, and what has been recorded of their life history and habits is but small in comparison with that which still remains to be worked out. There is room here for hundreds of laborers, and delightful work for all. Many of our readers have no doubt made original observations which have not yet been recorded, and perhaps the observers have regarded them as not of sufficient importance to publish until rendered more complete by further observation. Many a useful fact in entomological science is lost by such delay. What we should like all our readers to do is to promptly communicate any facts they may have noted which they believe to be hitherto unrecorded, so that others may be helped to occupy the vantage ground thus gained. Our pages are ever freely open to all such communications; they add to the value and usefulness of our journal, and help us in our endeavors to continue to make it a record of original work. We sincerely hope that our readers everywhere will bear this in mind.

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