

Among the papers read at the meetings of this year were the following: A Study of Lichens, by Prof. John Dearness; a subsequent evening being devoted to the practical handling, examination, and the mounting of these interesting plants, under the direction of the same gentleman.

The Growth of Ferns, by Wm. Lochhead, M.A., illustrated by blackboard drawings and figures drawn by the speaker from microscopic mounts.

Observations on microscopic and other forms noted during a recent trip across the Continent, by W. E. Saunders; illustrated by specimens of interest in various branches of natural life.

Microscopic Manipulation, by R. W. Rennie, illustrated by beautiful pieces of apparatus made by the speaker. The attendance and interest in the meetings were good, and on the whole, the Section looks back on a fairly satisfactory year.

J. H. BOWMAN, Secretary.

REPORT FROM THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

Having been chosen as the Delegate to represent the Entomological Society of Ontario on this most interesting occasion, the commemoration of the landing of Cabot, it becomes my privilege to submit a report of its work and proceedings during the past year.

The membership of the Society I am pleased to report has been well maintained and in addition thereto it is very gratifying to be able to say that on or about the opening of the current year a branch of this Society was inaugurated in Toronto by the affiliation of the Local Society formed about a year before, thus starting out with quite a considerable membership and manifesting much enthusiasm under the new regime.

The additions to the library were quite important including, among others, a full set of the annals of the "Entomological Society of France." The additional volumes, numbering nineteen, thus bringing the total library register up to 1,418 volumes.

There was also a limited addition to the collection of insects.

The official organ of the Society, "The Canadian Entomologist," still maintains its high standing among its class of literature. During the year 1896 it completed its twenty-eighth volume of 319 pages. Of the forty eight contributors thirty were from the United States, two from New Mexico, one from New Zealand, two from Europe, the remaining thirteen being Canadian. The contributors aggregated eighty-six articles, in some of which were described one hundred and eleven new species and four new genera.

Among the more important papers published during the year the following deserve particular mention.

The Coleoptera of Canada, by Prof. H. F. Wickham. These are a very useful series of illustrated articles for beginners as well as those more advanced. They were continued through five numbers and are a continuation of similar articles in two previous years.

The North American species of Gnathodus, by Mr. Carl F. Baker.

The American species of Isotoma, by Mr. Alex. D. MacGillivray.

Canadian Hymenoptera No. 7, by Mr. W. Hague Harrington, F.R.S.O.

A Contribution to the knowledge of North American Syrphidae, by Mr. W. D. Hunter.

Lepyrus, by John Hamilton, M.D.

The Cigar case bearer of the Apple (Coleophora Fletcherella,) by Dr. Jas. Fletcher.

New American parasitic Cynipidae (Allotriinae), by Mr. Carl F. Baker.

The larger species of Argynnis and the mystery of their life history, by Mr. H. H. Lyman, M.A.

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