

balance in hand, after paying off some \$45 of the debt on the Society's Apparatus, and we trust that during the present year this debt will be greatly reduced. The Society numbers 30, and we hope to procure some fresh additions to our ranks. We feel that the Society is greatly indebted to those of our members, who, not being practical entomologists themselves, yet aid and encourage us by their subscriptions in prosecuting our useful work. The last Provincial Exhibition bore good testimony to the industry and perseverance of London Collectors. The display of Insects there was probably the finest ever yet exhibited in the Dominion. We feel proud in recording that Four Prizes were obtained, amounting to \$26 50. This sum, in accordance with our usual custom, was added to the funds of the Branch. We must not omit to notice that Entomology has been started at the Hellmuth College, and the Head Master, the Rev. A. Sweetman, is desirous of giving the science every encouragement.

It is with pleasure that we now record the success of the Parent Society in obtaining aid from government. Upon a strong application to the Agricultural Association of Ontario, the Board has made a grant of \$400 for the present year, conditional on a Report being made and collections procured, and the publication of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST being continued. This is, indeed, a great success, and we trust that through this wise liberality the Society may be enabled to diffuse, far and wide, a more practical knowledge of Entomology. The CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST has entered on its second year, and bids fair to obtain a good share of success. We notice that its pages are now doubled. We earnestly request our members to contribute to its pages any interesting facts in Entomology that may come under their notice.

We also beg to inform the members that the Parent Society, in acknowledgment of the industry and importance of the London Branch, has donated \$75 for the purchase of a Cabinet for the Branch; any contributions of Insects will therefore be most welcome.

In conclusion, we trust that the members will use their best endeavors to promote the interests of the Society, remembering that our aim is not a selfish one, but that the practical results of our labor affect the interests of a very large proportion of our community.

EDMUND BAYNES REED,
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President London Branch.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Nature.—A weekly illustrated Journal of Science. Macmillan & Co., London. Nos. 9-15. The objects of this excellent new publication are, as stated in its prospectus, "to place before the general public the grand results of scientific work and scientific discovery, and to urge the claims of science to a more general recognition in education and in daily life; and to aid scientific men themselves, by giving early information of all advances made in any branch of natural knowledge throughout the world, and by affording them an opportunity of discussing the various scientific questions which arise from time to time." The numbers before us bear ample witness to the satisfactory mode in which these objects are being carried out; they contain a large number of practically scientific articles by eminent writers, accounts of recent scientific discoveries, valuable re-