

During the day we were also privileged to see the magnificent series of *Catocalas* in the collection of Dr. Jas. H. Bailey, and one could only regret that the day was too short to do any sort of justice to the mass of material to be inspected. After laboring busily from early morn until late at night, we parted at the railway station, carrying with us the most pleasant recollections of a day happily spent amidst old and newly-found Entomological friends.

On reaching Washington, Nov'r 23, we paid a brief visit to the Entomological rooms in the Department of Agriculture, where we had expected to find our esteemed friend, Prof. C. V. Riley, but unfortunately business had called him away from home. Through the kindness of Messrs. Pergande and Howard we were shown very many things of interest, especially in the way of insects in their earlier stages, both living in breeding cages and preserved as blown larvæ, and in this way a very pleasant and instructive hour or two was spent. We were sorry to learn from our good friend, Chas. R. Dodge, that "Field and Forest" was about to be discontinued for want of sufficient support. This valued periodical has done good service in the cause of Natural Science, awakening an interest in this direction in many minds, and we feel that in its decease we have lost a valuable aid. It gave us much pleasure to find that veteran Entomologist, Prof. T. Glover, with health almost restored, busily engaged in his Entomological work. Through the affable kindness of Dr. T. V. Hayden, we were shown through the Department of the Interior, that great national laboratory from whence has issued so many works invaluable to the naturalist in every field of labor. After lingering long among the many interesting objects which claimed our attention, we returned laden with useful works and pamphlets on subjects relating to Entomology, deeply impressed with the important work here carried on by a great and progressive nation in the interests of science; and with very pleasant recollections of the great personal kindness shown us by the worthy and distinguished head of this most useful branch of the national service.

The Smithsonian Institution was also visited, with its immense collections and innumerable objects of interest, and through the kindness and liberality of the Secretary, some recent and valuable works on Entomology and kindred subjects were secured for our Society's library.

Passing through Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia, we landed in Fernandina, Florida, with its historic surroundings, on the 30th day of November, where we found everything assuming a tropical aspect—the