

expressing our gratification at the appointment of his successor. The authorities at Washington have shown their wisdom in conferring the vacant office upon Mr. L. O. Howard, who has been so long and so ably sharing in its duties as First Assistant. The Department is certainly to be congratulated upon having at hand a skilled and learned entomologist, who possesses in every respect the varied qualifications necessary for the successful performance of so important an office. We have every confidence that the world-wide reputation now possessed by the Division of Entomology at Washington, will be in nowise impaired under the administration of Mr. Howard, and we heartily wish him health, strength and long life for the successful performance of his arduous and important duties.

NOTES.

• MR. C. H. TYLER TOWNSEND has resigned his position as Curator of the Museum at Kingston, Jamaica, and has returned to Las Cruces, New Mexico. He begs that his correspondents will take note of his change of address.

At the recent meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held in Ottawa (May 22-26), MR. W. H. HARRINGTON, President of the Entomological Society of Ontario, and the REV. G. W. TAYLOR, a member of the Society, were unanimously elected Fellows. The meeting was highly successful, many of the papers read being able and valuable contributions to scientific knowledge. The Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, was in constant attendance, and treated the members with great hospitality. The entomologists present were especially charmed to meet and welcome Mr. S. H. Scudder, who was one of the distinguished visitors from the United States.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE NEWS (Boston, Mass.), has recently been much improved in form and matter, under the editorship of Dr. James R. Nichols. It is now filled with interesting articles, many of them illustrated, by eminent writers in different departments of science. The last two numbers contain articles by Prof. J. B. Smith, on the "Insect Parasites of Animals."

The first two parts of Mr. P. Wytsman's (79 Rue Neuve, Brussels, Belgium) reproduction of HUBNER'S EXOTIC BUTTERFLIES have been received. Each consists of ten coloured plates, without letterpress. They are very nicely executed on hand-made paper, and are evidently faithful copies both in drawing and colouring of the originals. The work will be completed in sixty parts, and will contain about 600 plates; the synonymy, nomenclature, etc., will be revised and brought down to date by Mr. W. F. Kirby, of the British Museum.