

tion for the Advancement of Science, held in Philadelphia, was one of unusual interest, most of the leading entomologists on this continent being present. A full report of the proceedings has been prepared.

In concluding, permit me to urge upon you all renewed diligence in your studies of insect life ; be patient and faithful in observing, be prompt in publishing the results of your observations. The field we labor in is so vast that life is too short to permit any one of us to do much, especially when the limited time is taxed by other pressing engagements. Nevertheless, let us do what we can to unravel the mysteries relating to these much-despised atoms of existence ; the opportunity is ever before us,

“ Ten thousand forms, ten thousand different tribes,
People the blaze of day.”

And when the brightness of the sunshine has faded, there are tribes equally numerous and attractive which rise not from their couch until their more obtrusive brethren have retired to rest. Whether it is ours to employ portions of the night or the day in this charming occupation, we shall not in either case fail to find manifested in beauty of form and in the instincts with which these tiny creatures are endowed manifold evidence of the wisdom and goodness of the great Author of Life.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following named gentlemen were then duly elected as officers of the Society for the ensuing year :

President, William Saunders, London, Ont.

Vice-President, James Fletcher, Ottawa, Ont.

Secretary-Treasurer and Librarian, E. Baynes Reed, London, Ont.

Council: Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, M. A., Port Hope ; Rev. J. W. Fyles, South Quebec ; W. H. Harrington, Ottawa ; J. M. Denton, London ; J. Alston Moffat, Hamilton.

Editor “ Canadian Entomologist,” William Saunders, London.

Editing Committee, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, J. M. Denton, James Fletcher, and E. Baynes Reed.

Auditors, W. E. Saunders, H. P. Beck.

Delegate to “ Royal Society,” W. H. Harrington.

DISCUSSION.

On motion of Mr. James Fletcher, seconded by Rev. J. W. Fyles, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the President, Mr. Wm. Saunders, for his able and interesting address.