

description, habits, and general history of insects. This serial has been received with much favour by the leading entomologists of America, most of whom have from time to time contributed to its pages. It has now reached the middle of its eighth volume, and has increased to three times its original dimensions; it has also improved very much in style and typographical appearance, as well as in the excellence of its illustrations. The editor of the first five volumes was the Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, of Port Hope, who was succeeded by Mr. Wm. Saunders, of London, the present conductor of the journal. It is noteworthy, as an evidence of the persistent enterprise of the Canadians, that this is the only serial publication on insects in North America that has continued to exist for more than a few years; it has succeeded in outliving several contemporaries started about the same time. In 1870 the society first began to receive a small pecuniary grant from the public funds of the Province of Ontario, in return for which it annually presents to the Legislature an illustrated report on insects, useful to agriculture, horticulture, and aboriculture. Five of these reports have thus far been issued, and have been widely distributed amongst the farmers, gardeners, and others of the Province. The information and instruction thus afforded have done much to educate the people of the country and to save their crops and fruits from the pestilent ravages of destructive insects.

The present officers of the society are as follows: President, William Saunders, London; Vice-President, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Port Hope; Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. McMechan, London; Council—Wm. Couper, Montreal; R. V. Rogers, Kingston; J. Pettit, Grimsby; J. M. Denton and E. B. Reed, London. The headquarters of the society with its library and cabinets, are at London. It has also flourishing branches in Montreal and Kingston.

MEETINGS OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

In accordance with previous announcement, the members of the Entomological Club met on Tuesday, the 22nd of August, at 2.30 p.m., in the rooms of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Dr. LeConte in the chair. The following members were present:—Dr. John L. LeConte, Philadelphia, President; S. H. Scudder, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Vice-President; C. V. Riley, St. Louis, Mo., Secretary; J. A. Lintner, Albany, N.Y.; Dr. H. Hagen, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dr. John G. Morris, Baltimore, Md.; B. P. Mann, Cambridge, Mass.; W. Saunders, London, Ont.; Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Port Hope, Ont.; E. B. Reed, London, Ont.; A. R. Grote, M. M. Maycock, Dr. L. F. Harvey, Henry S. Sprague, O. Reinecke, W. W. Stewart, of Buffalo, and others.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After calling the meeting to order, the President read the following address:—

In resuming the chair, which by your kind partiality I occupied at the last meeting of the club, permit me, after thanking you for the honour you have done me in thus calling me a second time to this position, to congratulate you on the evidence of increased interest felt in the branch of Zoology to which we give our attention.

This increased interest is shown not only by the larger attendance at the present meeting of Entomologists from distant residences, but by the increase of correspondence between those who collect and study insects. I have received during the year several applications from new correspondents for advice and assistance in the study of Coleoptera; and my colleague, Dr. Horn, informs me that the same is the case with himself. Unfortunately I have been obliged to reply to some of the applicants with a temporary negative, as my time has been almost wholly taken up with efforts to complete my memoir on Rhynchophora, now in the course of publication by the American Philosophical Society. This memoir would have been finished some weeks ago, but the exceptional inclemency of the summer heat rendered all work with lenses difficult and uncertain. I think that I may promise that the MSS. will be complete in a few weeks. Meanwhile I am glad to

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