

Our order for books to the Naturalists' agency is still not quite filled, and a balance of about \$10 remains in their hands.

Your Council would note that additions are still being made to the list of species in the "Montreal Catalogue," and would recommend the work to the members as one worthy of zealous prosecution.

In regard to the labours of the coming season, your Council feel glad to report that the members are beginning their collections with renewed vigour; and they trust that the next year's operations will show a great advance in the study of our fascinating science in Montreal.

The whole respectfully submitted,

GEO. JNO. BOWLES,  
*President*

Montreal, 3rd June, 1879.

# MEETING OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The Annual Meeting was held, as announced, on the 26th day of August, in the Town Hall, in Saratoga, N.Y. The first session began at 12.30 p.m., the President, J. A. Lintner, of Albany, in the chair. The following members were present during the several sessions: Dr. John L. LeConte, S. H. Scudder, C. V. Riley, A. R. Grote, C. H. Fernald, Dr. John G. Morris, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Wm. Saunders, J. H. Comstock, E. P. Austin, F. W. Putnam, B. P. Mann, H. F. Bassett, W. S. Barnard, D. S. Martin, E. L. Graef, Dr. J. S. Bailey and E. H. Pohlman.

The Secretary, Mr. B. P. Mann, read the minutes of the last meeting in St. Louis, Mo., after which the President delivered the following address:—

## ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

GENTLEMEN:—In the remarks which I presented to the Club at our last annual meeting, a brief review was given of the progress in American Entomology within the preceding half century. It was shewn that within the last few years rapid progress had been made; that the study of insects had enlisted the labours of many earnest and successful workers, and given to them names honoured in science both at home and abroad; that many large and valuable collections had been accumulated—several of which contained so large a number of types that their preservation in the future was a matter demanding serious consideration; that the literature had become quite extensive; that much had been done in working out the life-histories of our species and presenting them to the public in their economic relations; and finally, that the importance of the study had at last been recognized here, as long ago it had been in Europe, by a Commission appointed by our General Government, for the investigation of some of the insect pests which were the occasion of serious pecuniary loss, poverty, and almost starvation in some portions of our country.

It affords me pleasure to be able to report, that the past year has shewn no diminution of interest or activity in our department, but that work in it is being prosecuted with an energy and with results fully up to any other department of Natural Science, if we except those to which Congress and several of our States are extending their liberal aid.

If fewer new species have been described during the year, we may find encouragement in the explanation that we are approaching the period, if not already reached, when a new species may not be claimed as the reward of every Entomological excursion. And indeed, there does not seem to be urgent need of descriptions of forms so very far in advance of some degree of knowledge of transformations, habits and relations to the vegetable world.

An evidence of increasing interest is to be found in the frequent inquiries made for instructions in collecting, apparatus for preparation, and books for study. While the first two requests can be promptly met, not so with the last. We are unable to place