

number at present interested in entomology was small. He thought that periodical meetings of the members for discussion would result in benefit to all, and would advance the work of the Club. The papers which might be prepared for the meetings would be available for the Editor of THE NATURALIST. Those present were unanimous in the opinion that the suggested reunions would be of great value, and that regular sub-excursions should also be held during the collecting season. Mr. Harrington was elected secretary in order that records might be kept regularly, and it was resolved that each member should act as chairman in turn. By request, Mr. Harrington read a note, which had been prepared for THE NATURALIST, on *Necturus maculatus*, a batrachian not rare in the Ottawa and Rideau, and which lives partly on insects. Dr. Fletcher described the operations of a small scarabeid beetle, *Canthon simplex*, Lec., which he had taken at Fort McLeod, and pointed out that much that had been published relative to allied ball-rolling beetles was inaccurate or incomplete. Hardly anything had been written of the life-histories of American species. *Canthon lævis*, Drury, occurs in Western Ontario (London) and in the Northwest (Medicine Hat). An enquiry was made by Mr. Halkett as to the antennæ of *Belostoma americana*, the Giant Water Bug, or Electric Light Bug, which has these organs so concealed in ear-like pockets under the head as to be invisible except on close examination. Among the exhibits may be mentioned the following:—Mr. Gibson: an exhibition tablet of *Plusia bimaculata*; with upper and lower glass, so as to show both sides of specimens; also specimens of a fine *Pieris* from Burmah, white above, but very strikingly coloured beneath. Mr. Young: a series of bred noctuids beautifully mounted. Mr. Harrington: several American species of *Canthon*, *Phanæus* and *Copris* and a few from Europe and Japan. Dr. Fletcher: a pair of *Hylecæus lugubris* from Rigaud, Que., and a plate of melanic forms of *Argynnis lais* painted by Mr. Cridle. Mr. Metcalfe: an interesting series of Arctians.

The second meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 29, at Mr. Harrington's, who read a short paper on "Neatness in Collections," giving some hints as to pinning and setting insects of the