

taken up his residence here, becomes an active member. He will be a great acquisition to our Entomologists, who, though our most active and energetic members are few in numbers. Miss Ormerod, who has been chosen by the council to fill the vacancy, is the well known English Economic Entomologist. The Club is indebted to her for many favors in the shape of books and reports on Economic Entomology, all of them of great value.

I have now given you a brief sketch of what we have done during the past season, and it may not be amiss here to look back at what has been accomplished since our organization eight years ago. Through the wisdom of the first council a printed record has been carefully kept of all our transactions since the beginning, and when the question is asked, "what have you done?" we are now in the position to show from our volumes of transactions an unconsiderable amount of good solid work.

I have had the Transactions issued during the past eight years bound in one volume, which I now show to you. It is a goodly volume and contains a satisfactory record of the work of the Club. On examining the contents it will be seen that they are varied and interesting, and that every department of Natural History is treated of to a greater or less extent. I find that thirty-eight members of the Club have been contributors to the volume, and that it contains sixty-one Papers read at the *Soirées*, and also thirty-two Reports and eleven short papers or Notes.

As might be expected, Botany is found to head the list with nine papers; Entomology comes next in order with eight; Zoology, Mineralogy and Geology have each six; Conchology has three, and there are fifteen miscellaneous papers, among which are such as Mr. H. B. Small's on Museum Education, Sir James Grant's on the Brain, and Mr. W. D. LeSueur's on Design in Nature.

A valuable feature of the volume is the lists which it contains, such as those of Plants, Shells, Birds, Beetles, Fossils, etc.

But, important and valuable as our work undoubtedly has been in investigating and recording the results as shown by our transactions, there is another department of it which I think is of even greater