

practical bearing of entomology on agriculture was fully recognised by the committee, and the questions so framed that a very large amount of information on this subject was gathered. Our Vice-President, Mr. James Fletcher, was summoned to give evidence in reference to injurious and friendly insects; so also was Mr. W. H. Harrington. A report has been issued covering 218 pages, containing the evidence and a summary of the replies to the questions. It is gratifying to find that the close relationship between entomology and successful agriculture is beginning to be more fully realized, and that the work of our Society and the efforts of entomologists generally are so well spoken of as they are in this document.

Continued efforts are being made by our Society to obtain and disseminate correct information, especially in reference to those insects injurious to agriculture. With this in view we have lately issued a number of blank forms for describing insects, which will be sent to any one desiring them on application to either of the officers in London. By this means we hope to secure fuller details and more uniform descriptions of insect pests, so that they may be more readily determined. The officers and members of the Council have also embraced every opportunity afforded them of visiting localities affected by destructive insects, and have endeavored to disseminate among the sufferers practical information in regard to the most effective remedies for such evils. The demand for our Annual Reports from all parts of the world has much increased since the publication last year of the general index. It is a matter of regret that the issue of several of the earlier reports is entirely exhausted, and there is now no means of supplying the demand. Our monthly journal, now in the sixteenth year of its existence, continues also to grow in public favor.

During the past year reports of great value in reference to destructive insects have been published by the Department of Agriculture, at Washington, under the able direction of Prof. C. V. Riley. A most excellent and voluminous report from the pen of Prof. J. A. Lintner, State Entomologist, has been printed and distributed by the State of New York. Much useful work has also been accomplished in the same direction by Prof. A. S. Forbes, State Entomologist of Illinois; by Prof. Herbert Osborn, of the Iowa Agricultural College, and others. Many additional parts have appeared of that superbly illustrated work on North American Butterflies, by Mr. W. H. Edwards; the same talented author has also now in the press a revised catalogue of the butterflies of North America. The recent meeting of the Entomological Club of the American Associa-