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INTRODUCTORY.

For a long time, the wielders of the Butterfly-net and Beetle-bottle in Canada have been longing for some medium of intercommunication—some mode of telling one another what they have taken, how and where they have taken it, and what they are in want of. This desire the Entomological Society purpose now to satisfy to some extent by the publication of the *Canadian Entomologist*. It is but a few years since the Society itself began as a little germ with a few members, and now we find it rapidly growing into a goodly tree with its main trunk in Toronto, its thriving branches in London and Quebec, and its scattered adherents all over the country. We trust that the success of this publication may be somewhat similar; it begins now with a few pages, a limited circulation, and a very small supply of the necessary funds, but we hope and believe, too confidently, perhaps, it may be—that it will by and by grow and increase, and acquire goodly dimensions, and become a handsome and valuable exponent of the progress of Entomological Science in this Dominion. May we beg, then, that all zealous Entomologists around us will come forward and assist the enterprise with at any rate their pens, if not always with their purses too.

And now for a word as to the proposed character and contents of the work. The *Canadian Entomologist* is intended to contain original papers on the classification, description, habits, and general history of Insects; the transactions of the Entomological Society of Canada; short notices of new works on Entomology; accounts of the capture of new or rare species in Canada; lists of specimens for exchange, and *desiderata*, by members; correspondence, answers to correspondents; notices to members, and suitable advertisements. It will be published not oftener than once a month, and only when there is a sufficiency of suitable matter for publication; its terms are gratis to members of the Society; 50 cents per volume of 12 numbers to non-members; extra copies will be sold at the rate of five cents each, or fifty cents per dozen. Any contributions to the publication fund will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.