

full deliberation it was decided to become incorporated with it as a "Branch," in accordance with the terms of our Constitution. It will therefore be known, from the beginning of the New Year, as "The Toronto Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario." It is hoped that every one interested in entomology, living in Toronto or the neighbourhood, will join the "Branch," and thus become members of our Society. The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock, when visitors will be heartily welcomed.

The Montreal Branch has been in active operation for over twenty-three years, and held its 200th meeting a few months ago. We hope that in time to come the Toronto Branch may be able to boast of a similar record, and that each year as it goes by may find it growing and prospering, and doing good work for the furtherance of the science of entomology in the Dominion of Canada.

#### BREPHOS MIDDENDORFI, MEN.

On April 25th, 1896, I made a very lucky capture of a perfect specimen of this rare and beautiful moth. The afternoon being sunshiny and warm—one of our first spring days—I had gone out to look for beetles in a piece of wood along the Red River, a few miles from the city. This locality had proved rich in *Carabidæ* in 1894, about the same date. Greatly to my disgust, I found the place transformed, all logs and "brush" having been cleared away the previous season, and hardly a beetle of any kind was to be found.

The moth in question was first seen to alight on the bank of a cutting leading down to the river; when disturbed from there by my investigations as to its identity, it flew up and down the roadway for a little while, and then hovered about some patches of mud, occasionally resting on the mud in the sunshine, very much after the manner of some of our butterflies. By this time I had got near enough to it to discover that it was something quite new to me, and my desire to capture it was therefore increased ten-fold. I had no net with me; in fact, I was only provided with a rather narrow-necked cyanide bottle for *Coleoptera* (the neck of my bottle was not an inch in diameter). That I was able, after several futile attempts, to get the mouth of the bottle down over it as it sat in the road, without damaging it in any way, was a matter of surprise at the time and congratulation whenever I have thought of it since. I certainly never made a more lucky capture. To Prof. John B. Smith I am indebted both for the identification and for his generosity in returning the specimen to me.

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