

moderate amount of danger. The Locusts, or Grasshoppers, of the West (*Catantopus sylvaticus*), have continued to commit much havoc, though not by any means on the frightful scale of last year; there is every prospect that the desolation and suffering then occasioned by them will not be repeated to any very great extent this year.

While there has been upon the whole a decided diminution in the amount of loss occasioned by noxious insects during the past year, we have nevertheless to record an increase in the numbers and consequent power for evil, of several common species that are always more or less abundant; among the most notable I may mention the Army Worm (*Leucania unipuncta*), which has wrought much damage in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion, as well as in some portions of the United States; the two species of Tent-Caterpillars (*Clisiocampa Americana* and *sylvatica*), which have been excessively abundant and destructive to fruit and forest trees in many parts of this Province; and the Pea Weevil (*Bruchus pisi*), which we much fear may soon become—unless measures are taken to prevent it—a source of great loss to our agriculturists. These I mention as having had a more than usual manifestation this year, but I need not detain you with any account of the ordinary work of our insect friends and foes, which are so familiar to every one in this country.

As I mentioned at the outset, you have done me the great honour of electing me your President for five years in succession; while I thank you most cordially for your kindness and consideration so repeatedly shown to me, I feel that it is only reasonable that I should now make way for some one else, who may be able to devote more time and energy to the interests of our Society, and be of more real use to it than I have latterly been capable of. I beg, therefore, to resign into your hands the office that you have so long honoured me with; at the same time I desire to say that I shall continue always to have the welfare of the Society at heart, and that I shall ever be ready and willing to do all that lies in my power to advance its best interests. Again offering you my respectful thanks,

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. S. BETHUNE.

Trinity College School, Port Hope, September, 1875.