

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR.

Mr J. A. Moffat presented and read the following report, which was, on motion adopted :

The library was completely gone over in the beginning of the year, and each book checked by its No. in the library register, when it was discovered that there were five volumes that could not be accounted for, viz : Nos. 100, 296, 619, 729, 994.

102 books, including a gift of 38 volumes from the President, have been added to the library during the year ; the full number on the register being 1,168.

According to a suggestion at a previous meeting, a sectional catalogue has been commenced, which, if approved and published, will inform the members what books in the library deal with entomological subjects.

The number of volumes issued to local members during the year was 74.

Exchanges, such as reports and proceedings of societies, bulletins, magazines and periodicals of various kinds received during the year, average thirty per month.

As recommended by the Secretary, and approved of at the last annual meeting, an inventory of the back volumes of the *Canadian Entomologist* was taken. The information obtained thereby enabled the Society to offer some of the volumes to members at reduced rates, which were taken advantage of by many.

The Society's collection of native lepidoptera has been almost entirely renewed, and many additions made of recent captures, making it a good representative collection of Ontario lepidoptera up to date.

It is to be regretted that the coleoptera collection still remains in a very defective state, many blanks requiring filling in.

The other orders of native insects remain about the same, with no chance of extension, from a want of cabinet accommodation.

The exotics, so greatly increased by the purchase of the Pettit collection, have been made conveniently accessible, and have been a source of much interest and gratification to visitors.

A beginning has been made in arranging the European collection of coleoptera, which, when completed, will be valuable for reference, and the duplicates made available for sale or exchange.

An effort has been made to catalogue the wood-cuts and electrotypes, giving the No. of the drawer in which they are to be found, the name of what the cut represents, and the number of the annual report in which it has been described, which, when perfected, will enable anyone to trace the cut required with comparative ease.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

J. A. MOFFAT,
Librarian and Curator.

RESOLUTION *re* LIBRARY.

The following resolution regarding the library was adopted :—

That the chairmen of the various sections of the society, and the librarian be appointed a committee to draw up regulations for the use of the librarian, the same to be submitted for approval to the President and Mr. Fletcher, after which they shall be published with the catalogue.

It was also moved and resolved "that the thanks of the Entomological Society of Ontario be given to Professor Penhallow, of McGill University, Montreal, for interesting specimens of an East Indian Rhynchophorous beetle kindly presented by him to the Society's cabinet.

The reports of the sections of the Society being called for, Mr. Saunders presented and read the following :

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

To the Council of the Entomological Society of Ontario.

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting the first report of the London Ornithological Section of the Entomological Society, it is fitting that the Section should acknowledge its indebtedness for the privileges enjoyed and for the opportunity of organizing under the aegis of the Entomological Society. The advantages of being in touch with the more important of the other branches of natural history, and of having experts to refer to in matters of dispute or inquiry, are not easily overestimated. Under such circumstances the section has made good progress during the time since its commencement. The membership, while not large is enthusiastic, and meetings, at which the attendance has been very good, have been held monthly or oftener, ever since inauguration. The section has compiled a list, presented herewith, of the birds breeding in Middlesex County, as well as supplementary lists of probable present and probable former breeders, of whose breeding we have not specific evidence. To this is added a short note on "Faunal Areas," from which point of view Middlesex occupies a peculiarly interesting position as a borderland, on which the different areas appear to meet.

(Signed)

W. E. SAUNDERS, Chairman.
W. A. BALKWILL, Secretary.

In connection with this section a paper was read by Mr. R. Elliott on "Life Areas," referring to the distribution of birds in the neighbourhood of London ; and a list was presented by Mr. W. E. Saunders of the various birds known to breed in the County of Middlesex.

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