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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF SCIENCE.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of this flourishing association was held in Toronto, beginning on 27th August and lasting for a week. The meeting was an unqualified success. The Toronto people outdid themselves in hospitality to their visitors, who went home enthusiastic in their praises of the courtesies extended to them. Many valuable papers were read in the various sections and clubs. It is pleasing to notice that Canadians did their share to make the meetings interesting. The Botanical and Entomological Clubs held regular meetings in the new biological laboratory of Toronto University. Perhaps one of the most interesting lectures was a demonstration by Prof. Ramsay Wright of his method of teaching natural science.

As an outcome of the meetings and discussions of the Entomological Club, a permanent association or union was formed for the special consideration of economic and agricultural entomology. This organization, which will be known as the Association of Official Economic Entomologists, will meet annually, and the discussions will be confined entirely to the operations of injurious and beneficial insects. The officers for the year are as follows: President, Prof. C. V. Riley, United States Entomologist; Vice President, Prof. S. A. Forbes, State Entomologist of Illinois; Secretary, Prof. J. B. Smith, Entomologist of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. The first meeting of this association was held at Washington, on 12th Nov., and the proceedings are to be published in the next number of *Insect Life*.