

the Entomological field, Dr. Asa Fitch, late State Entomologist of New York; Dr. Hermann Loew, the eminent German Dipterist, who has done so much to advance our knowledge of American Diptera; and Frederick Smith, the renowned English Hymenopterist. Thus, year by year, we are called to mourn the loss of those whose names, for their works' sake, we revere. They have gone to their reward; we live to labour. Let us each endeavour to make the best possible use of the time and opportunities we have, however limited they may be, and diligently and contentedly labour in the sphere in which God has placed us; prompted by pure motives, may we with earnest effort probe deep into the secrets of nature, and draw from thence treasures new, so that when we pass away, we may leave behind us some little lustre which may lend a light, however dim, to those who will fill our places.

I have the honour to be, very sincerely yours,
WM. SAUNDERS.

The election of officers then took place, resulting in the appointment of the following gentlemen:—

President.—W. Saunders, London.

Vice-President.—Jas. Fletcher, Ottawa.

Secretary-Treasurer.—Jas. H. Bowman, London.

Council.—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, M.A., Port Hope; Wm. Couper, Montreal; J. M. Denton and E. B. Reed, London; R. V. Rogers, Kingston; G. J. Bowles, Montreal; and W. Harrington, Ottawa.

Editor of Entomologist.—W. Saunders.

Editing Committee.—Jas. Fletcher, G. J. Bowles and E. B. Reed,

Librarian.—W. E. Saunders, London.

Library Committee.—E. F. Reed, J. M. Denton, H. B. Bock, London, with the President, Librarian and Secretary.

Auditors.—Chas. Chapman and A. Puddicombe, London.

A short time was agreeably spent in asking and replying to queries in reference to insects and their habits, and in examining the collections of insects in the Museum, after which the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LONDON BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the London Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, was held on the evening of February 11th, 1879, at the residence of the President, Mr. J. M. Denton. The President occupied the chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer read his annual report, which was adopted. His report shewed that the finances of the Branch were in a satisfactory condition.

The election of officers then took place with the following results.

President.—J. M. Denton.

Vice-President.—A. Puddicombe.

Secretary-Treasurer.—W. E. Saunders.

Curator.—C. Chapman.

Council.—Messrs. H. B. Bock, E. B. Reed and W. Saunders.

Auditors.—H. B. Bock and Jas. H. Bowman.

Permission was asked by Mr. C. Chapman for the School of Design to use specimens of some of our large Butterflies and Moths as models for the drawing and painting classes, which was cheerfully granted.

Mr. Saunders gave an interesting account of his recent visit to Florida, and exhibited some of the insects obtained by him while there.