

While the membership of the Society has not increased to any great extent, yet the Council feel that the first year of the Society's existence has been a success. Since organization eight new members have been added to the roll. Of these eight, five have severed their connection with the Society, while the other three are still interested in its welfare. The membership now numbers twelve, and the council have every reason to hope that these figures will be increased during the coming year.

A most important event in connection with the Society was the affiliation of the Toronto Entomological Society with the Entomological Society of Ontario. This affiliation took place on the 1st January last, since which date the Society has been known as the Toronto Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario.

During the past year twenty-four ordinary meetings have been held, and the following list of papers, contributed by the members, added much to their success:

March 6th, 1896.—The Classification of Insects, by Mr. T. G. Priddey.

March 20th, 1896.—A Few Notes on Coleoptera, by Mr. R. J. Crew.

April 2nd, 1896.—The Sphingidae, or Hawk Moths, by Mr. Arthur Gibson.

April 17th, 1896.—Notes on the ova of Lepidoptera, by Mr. C. T. Hills.

May 1st, 1896.—A new species of Diptera, belonging to the Genus *Diopsia*, by Mr. E. V. Rippon.

May 15th, 1896.—Mysteries of Insect Life, by Mr. T. G. Priddey.

September 18th, 1896.—Notes on Toronto Sphingidae, by Mr. J. H. McDunnough.

October 2nd, 1896.—Notes on Collecting Coleoptera, by Mr. R. J. Crew.

December 4th, 1896.—Injurious Insects, by Mr. C. H. Tyers.

January 8th, 1897.—Sense of Sight in Insects, by Mr. S. R. Carter.

February 5th, 1897.—The Uses of Insects, by Mr. Arthur Gibson.

March 5th, 1897.—Obnoxious Insects, by Mr. T. G. Priddey.

The number of volumes in the library at the present date is forty-six, besides some fifty-two pamphlets, Government bulletins, etc., all relating to Entomology, and all of which have been kindly donated to the Society during the past year.

Considerable work has been done on the Society's collection of insects, especially during the last few months, and through the kindness of the members in presenting specimens, a fair number of insects are now in the Society's possession.

The Treasurer's report shows that the finances are in a satisfactory condition. Among the expenditure will be noticed that a considerable sum has been spent in the purchase of chairs, cases, etc., and also for rent of room.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Council.

E. V. RIPPON,
President.

The reports of the Treasurer and Curator-Librarian were submitted and on motion duly adopted as read.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President.—E. V. Rippon.

Vice-President.—R. J. Crew.

Secretary-Treasurer.—Arthur Gibson.

Curator-Librarian.—T. G. Priddey.

Council.—C. T. Hills and C. H. Tyers.

The President then addressed the meeting, and in the course of his remarks congratulated the members on the work done during the year, and felt certain that the first year of the Society's existence had been a success. During the coming season he