

to his untimely death, and left the father sadly forlorn. Apart from these two bereavements, his life was cheerful and happy, and it was a rare delight to spend an hour or two in the quaint little building behind his dwelling, where were stored his rich treasures of butterflies, locusts and fossils, and his library of scientific works.

After spending fully twenty-five years in the study of the life-history of butterflies and the collection of information from all quarters, Dr. Scudder produced his first great work "The Butterflies of the Eastern United States and Canada," three large royal octavo volumes, illustrated with a wealth of plates and maps, showing the insects in all stages in their natural colours, and giving details of structure as well. From time to time he published single small volumes on Butterflies adapted to the needs of the ordinary collector, and leading on to scientific study. From the butterflies he turned to the Orthoptera, and published a number of books and articles of a systematic character, which are a great help to students of this order. His attention was next directed to fossil insects, of which he formed a most interesting collection, resulting in the publication of his splendid work on the Pre-tertiary and Tertiary Fossil Insects of North America. A full bibliography of Dr. Scudder's works will no doubt soon be prepared, and will fill many pages.

The high scientific reputation which he enjoyed is abundantly evident from his election to honorary membership in important societies in London, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Brussels, the Hague, Geneva, Madrid, Argentina, as well as many in North America. He was one of the first honorary members of the Entomological Society of Ontario, being elected in 1868, and a frequent contributor to the pages of the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, as well as occasionally to our Annual Reports.

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SPHÆRIDIDIUM BIPUSTULATUS FAB. FOUND IN THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY

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Mr. Ernest Shoemaker showed me at the last meeting of the New York Entomological Society a few specimens of a small *Sphaeridium* which he had taken in East New York, Long Island, in company with *S. scarabæoides*.

These specimens proved to be the European *S. bipustulatus* Fab., which differs principally from *scarabæoides* in smaller size and having the