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Few of the present members of the Entomological Society of Ontario have any knowledge of the pioneer work which was done more than half a century ago by a small band of enthusiastic entomologists. Very few of those who joined in its organization on the 16th of April, 1863, survived to witness its Jubilee three years ago; among these were Mr. Edmund Baynes Reed, and now he has in his turn been removed by death after a long illness due to heart trouble. He died at Victoria, B.C., on Saturday, November 18th, in the 79th year of his age.

Mr. Reed came to Canada from England when a young man and settled in London, Ontario, where for some years he practiced his profession as a lawyer. The kind of work it entailed was not very congenial to him, and was consequently abandoned.

As a devoted member of the Church of England, he took a keen and active interest in its concerns, and became Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron—a position which he continued to hold until his removal to British Columbia in the year 1890.

From his boyhood days in England he was devoted to Natural History, and especially to the collection and study of insects. To these pursuits he devoted most of his leisure hours, and when the Society was formed he became one of its most energetic and useful members. To him was chiefly due the establishment of the library which is now one of the most valuable of the kind in the Dominion. In co-operation with Dr. William Saunders he was instrumental in forming the London Branch of the Society, which grew and flourished for several years and was finally absorbed by the parent Society when its headquarters were removed to London. When it was decided to send a representative collection of Canadian insects to the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, Mr. Reed devoted all his spare time during many months to its prepara-