

The Hon. Charles Drury next addressed the meeting. He said that he had not come to deliver a speech, but he had travelled five hundred miles in order that, as the head of the Agricultural Department of Ontario, he might show the importance which the Government he represented attached to the work of the Entomologists. He considered that the small grant annually made to the funds of the Society was amply repaid by its practical work, and mentioned as an instance the immense saving to the country effected by the President's discovery of the remedy for the clover-seed midge.

Sir James Grant spoke in graceful terms and delivered a very interesting address. He described the importance of entomology in its various aspects and referred to the work of some of its greatest masters, from Aristotle and Pliny, in ancient times, to LeConte, who had described so enormous a number of species of beetles, and whose lamented death was so great a loss to science. He described its relations to other departments, especially to medicine, and mentioned as an instance the fact that bacteria had been introduced into the blood by the bite of mosquitoes. He paid a high compliment to the President for his practical and interesting address, and for his enthusiastic devotion to the science, which had deservedly won for him the recognition of the Dominion Government.

Professor Saunders rose to move a vote of thanks to the President for his valuable address. He gave a short account of the history of the Society and its work, and mentioned the fact that there were only two of the original members present besides himself, viz., Dr. Bethune and Mr. E. Baynes Reed, who had been concerned in its organization twenty-five years ago. Sir James Grant seconded the vote of thanks, which was put to the meeting by Dr. Bethune and unanimously carried.

Rev. Dr. Bethune then proceeded to give a brief address, in which he strongly urged the importance of encouraging young people in their instinctive fondness for collecting insects. It was not only a most useful pursuit from an educational point of view, but led to great results in developing a love for science and a steady increase in the number of its votaries. As one of the pioneers of the society, he was delighted to see for the first time at one of its meetings the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, and also the Dominion Deputy Minister. He expressed his pleasure also at the presence of so many ladies, and trusted that they would bring to the aid of entomology all those gifts of deftness and neatness which they so eminently possessed. For their encouragement he mentioned that the most distinguished entomologist in England at the present time is a lady, Miss E. Ormerod, of St. Albans.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks Mr. Fletcher took occasion to refer to one point which he had overlooked, namely, the injuries inflicted by "that miscreant, the English sparrow," whose extermination he strongly advocated. The Hon. W. Drury stated that this destructive bird was no longer under the protection of the Act of Parliament respecting insectivorous birds, and that everyone was at liberty to aid in reducing its numbers.

The meeting then adjourned.

At 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, a meeting of the Council was held for the transaction of business, and after its adjournment the Society continued its proceedings.

The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Librarian, the delegate to the Royal Society of Canada, the Montreal Branch, and the delegates to the Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were presented and adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year :

President—James Fletcher, F.R.S.C., F.L.S., Ottawa.

Vice-President—E. Baynes Reed, London.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. E. Saunders, London.