

## ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO.

*Annual Meeting, 1887, at Ottawa.*

An event of considerable scientific interest was the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which was held in this city on Wednesday and Thursday, 26th and 27th October. The officers and members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club received an invitation to all the sessions.

On Wednesday two Council meetings were held and visits were paid to the Geological Museum and Experimental Farm. In the evening the President, Mr. James Fletcher, delivered the Annual Address in the Civic Council Chamber. It outlined the origin and progress of the Entomological Society, and then treated of various injurious insects which had been more or less destructive to field and garden crops during the past summer. The address was of much practical value, and was listened to with interest by a large audience, among whom were many members of our Club. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. C. J. S. Bethune and Prof. Saunders, both of whom made appropriate and interesting speeches. Mr. Harrington had on exhibition his large collection of Ottawa Coleoptera, arranged in eighteen cases, and numbering over 1,250 species.

On Thursday sessions were held both in the forenoon and afternoon in a commodious Committee Room. After the usual presentation of Reports, etc., the election of officers was held and resulted as follows: *President*, James Fletcher, Ottawa; *Vice-President*, Mr. E. Baynes Reed; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Mr. W. E. Saunders, London; *Council*.—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Port Hope; W. Hague Harrington, Ottawa; Rev. T. W. Fyles, Quebec; J. M. Denton, London; Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, Victoria, B. C.

Rev. C. J. S. Bethune read a very interesting paper on *Aletia argillacea*, the celebrated cotton moth which does such enormous injury to cotton in the Southern States. He described its occurrence in great numbers at Port Hope on the 8th and 9th October. Mr. Harrington gave an account of a similar appearance of the insect at Ottawa on the evening of Sunday, 9th October, when great numbers were attracted