

healthy condition of the finances of the Branch, all the current expenses of the year having been met, and a small balance still on hand.

Mr. Reed introduced the subject of local collections, and urged their importance. After some discussion, the following resolution was passed:

"That a local collection of insects shall be made for the Cabinet of the Branch, specimens to be collected within walking distance of the city, and that we, the members, will do all in our power to specially aid and assist in this collection."

FEBRUARY, 1872.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday evening, February 2nd, at the residence of Mr. J. M. Denton.

After the routine business was over, a letter was read from Mr. Billings, thanking the members of the London Branch for their kind resolution of sympathy in reference to his father's death, the late B. Billings, of Ottawa.

The excellent microscopes belonging to Messrs. Puddicombe and Denton were then turned to good account by the members, who examined with the aid of high magnifying powers, many objects of great interest.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

We regret to state that the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. B. Reed, has been laid up for some little time with an attack of pneumonia, which will probably confine him to his house for a few days longer. He requests us to state that he has received *letters* from C. J. Beale, G. M. Levette, V. T. Chambers, J. W. Byrkitt, R. V. Rogers, J. A. Lintner; and *remittances* from W. V. Andrews, G. Dimmock, H. Y. Hind, H. S. Sprague, J. Bain, O. S. Westcott, Rev. L. Provancher, H. K. Morrison.

The Secretary craves the indulgence of these gentlemen until his health will permit him to reply to their letters.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS,

London, March 15, 1872.

Associate Editor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENTOMOLOGICAL PURPOSES IN THE STATES.—
At the late National Agricultural Convention held in Washington, Mr.