

Mr. Fletcher presented his report, read at the meeting of the Royal Society, as follows :—

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ONTARIO  
TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

It affords me much pleasure, as delegate from one of the societies honored with an invitation to send a representative to the meetings of the Royal Society of Canada, to report that during the past year the work of the Entomological Society of Ontario has been vigorously prosecuted, on the same plan as that heretofore followed, with satisfactory and evident results. The monthly organ of the Society, the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, has been regularly issued, its pages having been entirely filled with original contributions from members of the Society on scientific and practical Entomology. The volume which closed with the year 1883, No. XV., consisted of 246 pages, and contained a number of papers on descriptive Entomology, embracing descriptions of no less than 4 new genera and 67 species of insects new to science ; also papers on practical Entomology, including life-histories of species, some of which have been minutely described in all their stages, and among them many injurious to agriculture.

With a view to popularize the science of Entomology, and to encourage beginners in the study, a special series of illustrated articles has been published, which we hope will have the effect of increasing the number of observers in this important branch of biology. To further this end, and to systematize the descriptive work being done in such a manner as to secure uniformity in this department of research, the Council have prepared forms containing instructions for describing insects in their different stages.

There has also appeared during the year in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST much valuable information in reference to the geographical distribution of North American insects.

For the benefit of those interested in agriculture and horticulture, the Annual Report, which is always devoted to this practical aspect of the study, has recently been published, covering 83 pages, and embracing the Report of the Council, the Treasurer's Statement, the President's Inaugural Address, in which a review is given not only of the work of the Society during the year, but also of most of the important events of interest to