

Report of Observations of Injurious Insects and Common Farm Pests during the year 1894, with Methods of Prevention and Remedy. Eighteenth Report. By Eleanor A. Ormerod, F. R. Met. Soc., etc., etc., London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Limited, 1895, pp. 122, lxii., plate.

In this the author has given us another of her most excellent Annual Reports, if anything, better than those that have preceded it. There are 29 species, besides the two groups, Julidæ and Vespidae, fully treated in the Report, which is illustrated by 45 figures and one excellent plate, the latter devoted to the Stem Eelworm, *Tylenchus devastatrix*, in connection with its recent discovery as injurious to hops. We congratulate the author on being able to give us so much information on Eelworms, Warble Fly, and Carabid enemies of the strawberry. In fact, she has, throughout her Report, strictly adhered to the plan expressed in the preface, viz: "not to enter again on such of our common infestations as have been repeatedly noticed in my preceding Reports, excepting where there was some new information to be given or (sometimes) needed." This renders the Report of unusual value. To do the publication justice is simply out of the question in an ordinary book notice, but suffice it to say that it is in every way a credit to its author.

The writer well remembers an evening spent with the late Fraser S. Crawford, at his suburban home near Adelaide, South Australia. We had been discussing entomology and entomologists, when he made a remark something like this: "Miss Ormerod is a noble woman, and is giving both her life and her wealth to the agricultural interests of England, and I cannot understand why she should not be better appreciated by Englishmen." The sentiment will be echoed by American entomologists, but I fear in our hurry and bustle, we forget to drop an occasional word of encouragement and appreciation, such as we ourselves would gladly receive. Working almost alone, and comparatively unaided, in a labour of love not always appreciated, it seems to me that words of encouragement from her colleagues, both in America and out of it, are but matters of justice. Other reports on Economic Entomology there are, and they come officially from the Board of Agriculture of England, but the writer has searched through them in vain for tokens of originality or just credit for the information contained in them.

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