

in the place that may be from time to time selected for its sessions. In this way we trust that much may be done for the furtherance of our favourite branch of science, and that Entomologists generally, from all parts of the continent, will bring together their types of new species and the surplus of their collections for mutual information and benefit.

Without further trespassing upon your time and attention, I beg to thank you, gentlemen, for the kind consideration you have shown to my colleagues and myself during our term of office, and with hearty wishes for the continued prosperity of our Society,

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. S. BETHUNE,

President E. S. of O.

Trinity College School, Port Hope, Sept. 22, 1874.

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## ON SOME CHANGES IN THE NOMENCLATURE OF NORTH AMERICAN COLEOPTERA, WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENTLY PROPOSED.

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Since the issue of the Check List of N. A. Coleoptera by the late Mr. G. R. Crotch, I have been asked by several persons interested in that branch of science, if I would advise them to change the labels in their collections in accordance with the nomenclature of several familiar genera as therein set forth. To all such applicants I have answered, that such changes are not expedient, unless they are fully convinced of the propriety of admitting them. For my part, I considered them quite unnecessary, and still further, contrary to the code of laws of nomenclature under which I supposed we were acting.

Circumstances, which it is unimportant for me to specify, have prevented me from heretofore making known the views upon which I formed the opinion thus given, but as confusion of ideas upon the adoption or non-adoption of Mr. Crotch's nomenclature now exists, I think that the time has now arrived for a full discussion of the subject.