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## EDMUND BAYNES REED.

The older members of the Entomological Society of Ontario will, no doubt, welcome with much pleasure the portrait of Mr. Edmund Baynes Reed, which is prefixed to this number of our magazine. He was one of the small band who originated the Society on the 16th of April, 1863, and is one of the few survivors who may expect to commemorate its fortieth anniversary next month.

Mr. Reed came to Canada from England when a young man, and took up his abode in London, where he, for some time, practised his profession as a lawyer. Later on he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, and continued to occupy this position till he left for British Columbia in 1890. He was always devoted to Natural History, and especially to the collection and study of insects. His leisure time was largely given up to these pursuits and to the work of the Entomological Society, in which he took the warmest interest. He and Dr. Saunders were instrumental in forming the London Branch of the Society and keeping up the enthusiasm of its members. When the headquarters of the Society were removed to London, and there was, in consequence, no further need of a Branch, Mr. Reed took an active part in everything that was done, and gave most material help in the formation and increase of the Library and collections. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Society in 1871-2-3, and from 1880 to 1886; Vice-President in 1874, 1877, and from 1887 to 1889; member of the Council from 1874 to 1876, and in 1878-9; and during many of these years Librarian and Curator in addition. The following extract from the report of the Council for the year ending August 31st, 1890, bears testimony to his usefulness and services:

"In consequence of the removal of Mr. E. Baynes Reed from London to British Columbia, to take charge of the Dominion Meteorological Station at Victoria, it will be necessary to make some new arrangements for the care of the Library and collections and the performance of the official work of the Society.... The Council desire to place on record their feelings of deep regret at the removal of Mr. Reed from this Province and the loss which the Society thereby sustains. Mr. Reed is one of the original members of the Society, and for more than a quarter of a century has been one of the most active and zealous of its officials, filling at different times the positions of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Librarian, Curator, and Auditor. To him it is especially due that the Library has grown to its present dimensions and value and that so much progress has been made by the Society in many directions. The Council beg to thank Mr. Reed for his services in the past, and wish him all possible success and prosperity in his new and important sphere of labour."

Mr. Reed was a constant contributor to the pages of the Canadian Entomologist from the very first volume, in which appeared five articles from his pen. His papers, largely collecting notes, records of rare captures, etc., were always interesting and valuable; he also furnished descriptive articles on larvæ, an Accentuated List of Canadian Lepidoptera, a report to the Ontario Department of Agriculture (jointly with Dr. Saunders) on the Colorado Potato-Beetle, which had then invaded Western Ontario from the neighbouring State of Michigan, and popular papers on common insects.

In the preparation of the early Annual Reports of the Society he took a large share, and contributed elaborate and valuable papers, as follows: Insects affecting the Plum, Report i. (1870), pages 53-63, and Report ii. (1871), pp. 22-26; Insects injurious to the Potato, ibid, pp. 65-81; Insects attacking the Cucumber, Melon, Pumpkin and Squash, ibid, pp. 89-92; Insects affecting the Maple Trees, Report iii. (1872), pp. 35-43; Insects affecting the Peach, ibid, pp. 44-47; Insects affecting the Potato, ibid, pp. 48-50; Some common Insects which affect the Horse, Ox and Sheep, Report iv. (1873), pp. 34-41; Entomological Contributions, Report v. (1874), pp. 11-16; Sphingidæ—Hawk-Moths, Report xii. (1881), pp. 48-70; Diptera—Two-winged Flies, Report xiii. (1882), pp. 45-53, and short articles in several of the volumes. From the above list it will be seen that Mr. Reed gave much attention to Economic Entomology, and did some very excellent work in that department. It was quite fitting, therefore, that he should have been one of the company who, in August, 1889, formed the Association of Economic Entomologists, and signed its original Constitution.

Another valuable and important work that Mr. Reed performed for the Society was the compilation of a General Index to the first thirteen Annual Reports, 1870–1882, which proved of the greatest use for many years to the members of the Society and others who had occasion to refer to these publications.

For some time before he left London, Mr. Reed took a great interest in meteorological observations, and in connection with the Observatory at Toronto established a local station and installed the necessary instruments. His anemometer and vanes were placed on the top of the Cathedral tower and connected by wires with his residence on the corner of Park and Queen's Avenues. The work that he thus performed was so accurate and satisfactory that he was selected to take charge of the Pacific Coast Division of the Dominion Meteorological Service, and since 1890 he has continued to fill the office of Superintendent of the Observatory at Victoria, B. C. Though his time is fully taken up with his official duties, he continues to be interested in Entomology, and is a member of the British Columbia Natural History Society. His many friends will, no doubt, heartily join with us in the wish that he may enjoy the blessings of health and well-being for many a year to come, and retain the vigour and vivacity which have always been his characteristics. C. J. S. B.

## THE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, C. L. MARLATT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30, 1902, and Jan. 2, 1903.

The members of the Association of Economic Entomologists and the local Entomologists of Washington connected with the Entomological Society of Washington, at the conclusion of the meeting of the first-named Association, met in an informal reunion and smoker at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Ashmead, on the evening of December 27th, 1902. At this meeting the subject, first broached in the concluding session of the Association of Economic Entomologists, of reviving the Entomological Club of the A. A. S. was considered, and, in the absence of the last President of the Club, the Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Mr. Schwarz was made Chairman of the meeting for the purposes of this discussion. A general desire was manifested on the part of those present to have the Entomological Club revived or some other similar organization instituted. To make