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THE JAMES FLETCHER MEMORIAL FUND.

THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB. OTTAWA, MARCH 8TH, 1909.

SIR,—You have no doubt heard with regret of the death of Dr. James Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, which occurred after a short illness at Montreal, November 8th, 1908.

Dr. Fletcher not only did most excellent work for the country in his official capacity, but, as is well known, took a most active part in encouraging the study of Natural History in its broadest aspects throughout the Dominion.

His activities in this connection have been widely recognized and greatly appreciated by scores of students and others who have benefited by his timely assistance and warm encouragement. He was always in requisition as a lecturer by Normal Schools, Natural History and other Societies, for he had gained a wide popularity as a charming and exceedingly instructive speaker.

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, of which Dr. Fletcher was one of the founders, have thought that his life-work was of such a national character that a permanent tribute to his memory should be made. Such a memorial would not only serve to commemorate for all time the good work done by Dr. Fletcher, but would also act as a stimulus to future generations in the study of the fauna and flora in Canada.

Several suggestions have been made as to the form the memorial should take, namely:

- (a). A fountain at the Central Experimental Farm.
- (b). A statue to be placed in the grounds of the new Natural History Museum.
- (c). A bust or portrait to be placed in that building, or at the Central Experimental Farm.
- (d). To found a bursary at some Canadian University.

Of necessity no decision can be reached until it is known, approximately at least, what amount of money can be raised.

The Council has appointed the members hereafter named to be a Committee to ascertain what response might be forthcoming to an appeal for contributions towards such a memorial.

Will you kindly inform the Secretary the amount you are agreeable to subscribe to this fund and send it at your earliest convenience to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

Committee: A. E. Attwood, M.A., President, O. F. N. C.; T. E. Clarke, B.A., Secretary, O. F. N. C.; Arthur Gibson, Treasurer, O. F. N. C.; Hon. Sydney A. Fisher, B.A., Minister of Agriculture; W. Saunders, C.M.G., LL.D., F.L.S., F.R.S.C., Director of Dominion Experimental Farms; E. R. Cameron, M.A., K.C., Registrar, Supreme Court; R. B. Whyte, Vice-President of Ontario Horticultural Association; Frank T. Shutt, M.A., F.I.C., F.C.S., F.R.S.C., Chemist, Dominion Experimental Farms; A. McNeill, Chief of Fruit Division, Dept. of Agriculture; H. M. Ami, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S., F.R.S.C., Assistant Paleontologist of the Geological Survey.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

E. R. CAMERON, *Chairman.*

ARTHUR GIBSON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

(*Central Experimental Farm.*)

NOTES ON TENTHREDINOIDEA, WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SPECIES.

BY S. A. ROHWER, BOULDER, COLO.

Paper IV.

(New Species of *Tenthredo*.)

Tenthredo mellipes, n. sp.

Female: Length, 9 mm. Clypeus deeply, squarely notched; labrum rounded at the apex, fringed with long hairs; malar space distinct, but not very wide; frontal carinae large at the base (*i. e.*, at the antennae), larger than in *rufipes*, Say; frontal furrows distinct, reaching to the occiput; the furrow behind the ocelli indistinct. Third antennal joint longer than the fourth by about a third. Scutellum dull, rather densely punctured, the punctures coarser than those of the rest of the thorax. Tarsal claws with a tooth about a third of the length of the claw from the apex. The tran. rad. in about the middle of the third cubital cell. Abdomen more shining than the thorax. Colour black; labrum, apical

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