

if so desired, its own annual report (e.g., annual reports of the Entomological Society of Ontario, the Entomological Society of Manitoba, and the Entomological Society of British Columbia). The national organization will promote the welfare of the regional entomological societies and will encourage the formation of others. It will do nothing that might conceivably weaken them and in no sense will it dominate them.

Some confusion still exists about the fees for membership in the national society. For entomologists in an area not served by a regional society, the membership fee for 1951 is \$4.00, and this is payable to Mr. A. B. Baird, Science Service Building, Carling Avenue, Ottawa. For entomologists who are members of regional societies, the membership fee in the Entomological Society of Canada is \$3.00, payable to the secretary-treasurer of one of the local societies. It follows, therefore, that most of the dues will be collected by the regional societies.

The Entomological Society of Canada and the Entomological Society of Ontario have the responsibilities of publishing *The Canadian Entomologist* regularly, of maintaining high standards in it, and of keeping it solvent, but they cannot carry these responsibilities without the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the regional societies. Each regional society must therefore exert every effort to enlist practically 100 per cent of its members in the Entomological Society of Canada and to provide the editor of the journal with papers of high quality. The future status of the Entomological Society of Canada and of *The Canadian Entomologist* will be determined very largely by the amount of support afforded them by all entomologists in this country.

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Obituary Notice

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Dr. Sievert Allen Rohwer of the United States Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. He collapsed and died in his office on February 12, 1951. He was 62 years of age at the time of his death.

Dr. Rohwer was a world authority on hymenoptera and was the author of numerous scientific articles and monographs on the insects of that order. In 1931, he was appointed Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine and served in that capacity until December 1950. At that time, he was made co-ordinator of the studies of biological warfare against livestock and crops.

He was born at Telluride, Colorado, and was educated at the University of Colorado. In 1948, that university conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Dr. Rohwer was past president of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the Biological Society of Washington, D.C. and the Entomological Society of Washington. He was past vice-president of the Washington Academy of Sciences and member of the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. Rohwer was an outstanding scientist, an indefatigable worker and an able administrator. His death is an irreparable loss to the United States Department of Agriculture but his influence will be felt for many years to come. The entomologists of Canada will gratefully remember him for his helpful co-operation in the solution of scientific and international problems and for his fine qualities as a friend. They wish to express their deep sympathy to their colleagues in the United States and to the bereaved family of the deceased.

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