

OBITUARY

CHARLES E. GRANT

1850—1936

On March 8th, 1936, Mr. Charles E. Grant, one of the oldest members of the Society, passed away at Orillia, Ontario.

Charles E. Grant was born in Putney, London, on November 23rd, 1850. At the age of 6 he came to Canada with his parents because of the ill health of his father F. R. G. Grant, a solicitor at Lincoln's Inn, London. The family soon settled in Orillia, then a lumbering village. Here, Charles studied law and was in his father's office. In 1876 he was appointed town clerk for Orillia, an office which he held until he retired in 1929. In addition to his duties as town clerk he served as treasurer of the public school board for a period of ten years and as clerk of the police court for 25 years.

Mr. F. R. G. Grant, both before and after he came to Canada, was interested in Entomology. From him Charles acquired an interest in insects which gradually led him to become a tireless collector. Throughout the collecting season much of his leisure was spent in the open in the pursuit of specimens. Many of his evenings were spent on the verandah of his home where he had a powerful light to attract night flying insects. As a result of his constant interest he built up a collection of some 5,000 Lepidoptera, among which were many interesting forms preserved in a creditable manner.

For over 25 years Charles E. Grant was a director of the Society for the Orillia district and took a very keen interest in the Society and its welfare. This interest was maintained until the time of his death as shown by the fact that in his will he bequeathed his insect collection and cabinets to the Society where they have been deposited with the other collections of the Society in the keeping of the Department of Entomology of the Ontario Agricultural College.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Pioneer Century of American Entomology By Harry B. Weiss, New Brunswick, N. J. Published by the Author, Price \$4.25, postpaid.

As stated by the author in his preface this work of 320 multigraphed pages actually deals with the pioneers of entomology in North America over a considerably greater period than a single century. Commencing in Chapter I with the scattered references to entomology found in the accounts of travelers of the late 16th to the early 18th centuries, and in Chapter II with the early books and papers published in the latter half of the 18th century, the author in Chapter III arrives at the early years of the 19th century and its workers. This is followed by most interesting chapters on Thomas Say and his contemporaries, Zimmermann and Le Conte, Fitch, Glover and Osten Sacken, concluding in Chapter VIII with the period centred about Walsh. Chapters IX and X deal respectively with the entomological periodicals before 1865 and with societies, exploring expeditions, etc. furthering the cause of entomology in America. Chapter XI, entitled "Some Notes on Canada," should be of particular interest to our Canadian readers and