ENTOMOLOGICAL ITEMS.

DR. DUTRIEUX, of the Belgian expedition engaged in explorations in Africa, sent home an entomological collection in the spring of 1879.

MR. S. E. CASSINO intends publishing a Directory containing the names, addresses, departments of study, etc., of the naturalists of the world.

DURING THE last year a very convenient "Manual of the New Zealand coleoptera," prepared by Thomas Brown, and containing 672 pages, was published in Wellington, N.Z.

ACCORDING TO Gehe, in his Frühjahrsbericht for 1879, cantharidin is made chiefly from Chinese beetles, and is becoming considerably cheaper, in consequence of this new source.

JOSEPH DUNCAN PUTNAM, for several years previously the Corresponding Secretary of the Davenport (Iowa) academy of sciences, was elected President of the Academy for the ensuing year, 5 Jan. 1881.

At the election of officers held by the Cambridge Entomological Club, 14 Jan. 1881, the following persons were chosen:—President, E: Laurens Mark; Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor of Psyche, B: Pickman Mann; Librarian, Clifford Chase Eaton; Executive Committee, S: Hubbard Scudder, E: Payson Austin, E: Burgess.

Herbert H. Smith, author of "Brazil; the Amazons and the Coast," is to conduct another South American expedition. The route embraces some of the unexplored tributaries of the Amazons and the great tablelands of western Brazil and Bolivia. In his former explorations Mr. Smith made large collections of insects; some of his results of a day's collection of beetles are of interest, as on 17 Dec. he took 394 specimens of 275 species in about eight hours, on 29 Jan. 471 specimens of 268 species. In the East Indies, Wallace considered 40 to 60 species a good day's collecting, and gives 95 as the largest number ever taken.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Cambridge Entomological Club will be held at 19 Follen St., at 7.45 p.m., on the days following:—

12 Nov. " 8 Apr. "
10 Dec. " 13 May "
14 Jan. 1881. 10 June "
11 Feb. "

B: Pickman Mann, Secretary.

The regular meetings of the Entomological Section of the Boston Society of Natural History will be held at N. W. corner of Berkeley and Boylston Sts., Boston, Mass., at 7.45 p.m., on the days following:—

24 Nov." 23 Mar. "
22 Dec." 27 Apr. "
26 Jan. 81. 25 May "

B: Pickman Mann, Secretary.

The regular meetings of the Entomological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences, of Philadelphia, Pa., will be held at S. W. corner of 19th and Race Sts., on the days following:—

12 Nov. " 8 Apr. "
10 Dec. " 13 May "
14 Jan. 1881. 10 June "
11 Feb. "

James H. Ridings, Recorder.

The semi-annual meetings of the American Entomological Society will be held at S. W. corner of 19th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., on the days following:—

13 Dec. 1880. 13 June, 1881.

James H. Ridings, Rec. Sec'y.

The regular monthly meetings of the Montreal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario will be held at Montreal, Que., Canada, on the days following:—

7 Sept. 1880. 4 Jan. 1881.
5 Oct. " 1 Feb. "
2 Nov. " 1 Mar. "
7 Dec. " 5 Apr. "

G: H. Bowles, Secretary.

PRIZE ESSAYS.