ENTOMOLOGICAL ITEMS.

The conservator of forests [in South Australia] reports that sugar and gum stand the ravages of the white ants better than other timber. — Colonies and India, 4 Dec. 1880.

Dr. William Marshall will give a course of lectures on the natural history of insects in Leipzig University, during the summer semester. The lectures will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and every two weeks, on Saturday, an excursion, for collecting purposes, will be had.

According to the president’s report of Harvard University for 1879-1880, Mr. Edward Burgess, who generously gave his services as instructor of entomology in the Bussey Institution during the academic year 1879-1880, will continue to give the school his services during the current year.

The Entomological Club of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was formed last year into the Entomological Subsection of Section B of the A. A. A. S., and will therefore hold no separate meetings hereafter. It will meet with the Association, at Cincinnati, Ohio. on Wednesday, 17 Aug. 1881, at 10 A.M. All persons interested are invited to attend its meetings and participate in its discussions.

Jno. G. Morris, President.
B: Pickman Mann, Secretary.

Philibert F. von Ougspurger, the Swiss coleopterist, who died 3 Nov. 1880, left his valuable collection, and many accurately colored figures, work of his own hand, to the Museum of Natural History in Berne. The above-mentioned collection contains, in addition to many costly exotic species, a carefully labelled collection of coleoptera of the Bernese Alps. Mr. Albert Müller, who has charge of the entomological department in this fine museum, finished the past year in Berne, will gladly preserve, with his accustomed care, this important addition to its riches.

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: —

- 13 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. "
- 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.
- 2 Nov. " 1 Mar. "
- 7 Dec. " 5 Apr. "

G: H. Bowles, Secretary.

PRIZE ESSAYS.